ARE OUR SCHOOLS GODLESS!

One Lady Says They Are, in Her Opinion, in One Respect.

To the Editor of THE AMERICAN: I am very much interested in our public and patriotism, schools and cannot re rain from expressing some of my views. Having been a teacher for a number of years. and at present being a mother with children to educate, my interest does The Legislature of Missouri Lays Hinde's not wane. Having had the privilege by my vote and influence to help clee; the present board of education, I beg leave to commend them for the work begun at their last meeting.

concern with me, and cannot help but motion by Mr. Morane, of St. Joseph, be to anyone who leves righteousness Mo., in connection with a motion by and purity. And now, as the question Mr. Davis, of Tancy county, to table has been brought up to divorce our the motion. Much strong sentiment schools from crime-I say to divorce against the "cinch" method of killing our schools from crime-for it is a the bill is being expressed by many crime for christian people to accept members, and it is likely that a substiblood money to educate their children. tute bill will be drafted and presented. I hope that a strenuous effort will be Moran and Davis are aspirants for made that an amendment be enacted higher offices in the public gift, and according to the proposed resolution of have thus placed themselves on record. Woman Scores Apparent Heartless Caththe board of education to place the sa- The bill reads as follows: loon license fees and fines in another An Act to provide for the appointment fund and give us a clean fund for our schools.

If I am rightly informed our limit levy for school purposes is twenty milis and I believe we have never exceeded a three mill levy plus the license and of the state of Missouri as follows: fine money. Naw I believe our board deficit, and be hounded by the continual shall consist of five members. cry of incompetency, extravagance, board of five commissioners on charit-

I think the question of finances or the of education is easy enough of solution.

First, Let all taxable property be and qualified. given a reasonable valuation instead of the ludicrous values they receive by the present method of assessment.

Second, Let all farm property (i. e., all vacant land not platted into lots) as city property, and not as farm lands.

church edifice, and this increase in with the city, either for work to be valuation will so increase the sum of money that we may not hesitate to ask able institutions shall have a general for a three, four or five mill levy, or visitorial supervision over all penal out that exasperating cry of the great or employe of all penal and charitable deficit that is always staring the board institutions supported wnolly or in part in the face, and that is to be added to by the city, and shall, in case of such the already existing deficit. the already existing deficit.

moral. Now, I do not think they are far as our schools accept blood money terest of the city. They shall receive to carry them on, so far they are im- no pay for their services. conscience and divine law. cause they allow evils to exist which, vacancy, and snail report the fact of by exertion on their part, might be the removal at the next session of the pope a sacred personage in her eyes,

dog or the hire of a whore is an abom- the mayor. call after a unto the Lord. I remember Call after to more child of hearing my lear mother quote these words, and altheir meaning, they made a deep impression on my mind, which has remained with me all my life. What God | pealed. has cursed, let not man dare essay to

time for christians to pray and work. with 33 members either absent or dodg-It is humiliating to the band of noble ing the issue, could only show a total men and women who have charge of strength of 40 in the house. There was our educational work to realize that no mistaking the issus," says the St. their daily bread is dependent in a Louis Republic. "Harry E. Hinde, of physician forbade her being seen by any measure on means obtained from such Kansas City, editor of THE AMERICAN, but her most intimate friends. An atsources. It is humiliating to conscient the official organ of the A. P. A. in tious, christian mothers to know that this state, had introduced a bill providtheir innocent children are to be edu- ing for the appointment of a board of cated with such money. It is humiliat commissioners in all cities of the state, are not devout in their Romanism are ing to christians to see such heinous to be appointed by the mayors, and offenses winked at by those high in have control of all charitable instituauthority, and who have the power to tions. In St. Louis, Kansas City and mitigate the evils, if not exterminate St. Joseph there are Lumerous institu-

moral people to arouse from their leth- Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of the ergy-to act-"act in the living pres- Good Shepherd, who would come under ent." For the sake of mothers who the provisions of the act and be conhave children to educate; for the sake trolled by the board. The bill had of the noble teachers who are develop- been reported favorably by the coming those tender minds; for the sake of mittee on eleemosynary institutions, our grand educational system -our pub- and came up for engrossment." lic schools; for the sake of God, let us purge our school system from the fire of the questions directed to the blight that has so long fastened itself

I call upon the board of education to stand firm for right and justice, knowing you will have the approbation of God, a clear conscience and the people

who asked you to care for our schools. I call upon the legislature to listen to the voice of the people and cause such action to be taken as shall be an honor

When such action is taken, it will be one step in a much needed reform; then we will be ready for another.

May God help us all to

to our state and schools.

"Strike 'till the last armed for expires. Strike for your altars and your fires; Strike for the green graves of your stres.

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AFRAID OF ROME. Bill on the Table.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 22, 1895. -A bill introduced by Representative Harry H. Hinde, which should have passed the house, pertaining to the The question of the resource of our establishment of commissioners of char-

of commissioners of charitable institutions, and proceedings therefore, In cities now or hereafter organized under special charters by virtue of section 16, article 6, of the Constitu tion of the State of Missouri.

Be it enacted by the general assembly should be granted a liberal sum to after organized under special charter creditably carry on our schools; that the constitution of this state, shall they should not be hampered in their establish a board of commissioners of work by the continual fear of a large charitable institutions, which board she and her husband had long belonged.

mismanagement and like euphonious able institutions, who shall hold their ment in this city, and was a man of offices for a term equal in duration to the term prescribed for the office of reproper amount of funds for the purpose form their duties, and until their successors shall have been duly appointed

Sec. 3. All the commissioners shall possess the following qualifications: They shall have been cluzens of the United States and of such city for at least two years previous to their apand write the English language. They within the limits of the city be assessed shall not at the time of their appointment be in arrears to the city for taxes, Third, Let all church property be They shall not be interested either taxed except that whereon stands the directly or indirectly in any contract

Sec. 4. The commissioners on charit even greater, and have a sufficient fund and charitable institutions in the city. to carry on our schools creditably with- They snall have power, by a unanimous vote, to remove any appointed officer him to fill the vacancy. The mayor We sometimes hear it said that our shall have no power to reappoint any schools are Godless-that they are im- person removed by the commissioners

Sec. 5. The commissioners shall meet at least once in each month at entirely Godless, neither greatly immoral, from the fact that we have so visit all the institutions under their many noble christian and moral women supervision at least once in each month. who cannot help exerting their influ- They shall recommend to the council such ordinances as they may deem necence for God and right. Yet in a cer- essary for the welfare of the persons tain sense they are immoral. Just so under their supervision and in the in-

moral; just so far are they contrary to remove a commissioner from office, he "Blessed | shall immediately notify the council o is the man that condemeth not himself such removal and the cause therefore, in the things which he alloweth." and said council shall lift the vacancy by electing a suitable person to fill the There are many good men and women place. If the council be not in session, who stand condemned before God be- the mayor may temporarily fill the council. The mayor shall have the and the archbishop came in for a full power of removing a commissioner so share of her censure. Holy writ tells us that the price of a electer as it he had been appointed by

shan apply to an enter best organized under than listen to it, and those who re special charters by virtue of section 16 mained closed their ears. Rev. M. of article 9 of the constitution of this though I did not then fully understand state, any provisions in any such charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 8. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby re-

"The American Protective Association was ignominiously routed today in This is a time for action. This is a its first effort to force legislation, and, tions controlled by the Catholic church, Therefore, I call upon christian and more especially those controlled by the

Mr. Moran, of St. Joseph, in a cross author of the bill, sought to force the confession that it was for the purpose of controlling Catholic Institutions.

Hinde denied that his bill was aimed at any religious denomination, but offered no explanation as to its purpose.

Moran moved to strike out everything after the enacting clause, and made a fiery speech in support of his motion, denouncing the bill as an effort to wrest the government of charitable institutions from the Catholic women,

who controlled them. Davis, of Taney, moved to lay the amendment on the table, and as this

would table the entire bill, Moran seconded the motion.

Hinde was determined to place the members on record, and demanded the yeas and nays. The 40 members who voted against the motion to lay on the table were: Atkins, Bonner, Best, Bourn, Bright, Cape. Cherrington, Coppedge, Carrell, Davidson, Davis of Wayne, Denslow, Edgar, Hammond, Hancock, Highee, Hinde, Johnston, Jones of Hickory, Jones of Jackson, Jones of Polk, Lenzenby, Melson, Meriweather, O'Doll, Odneal, Porterfield, Sachse, Short of Phelps, Smith of Howell, Spencer of Douglass, Spencer of St. Louis, Steel, Temme, Walton, school funds has always been one of itable institutions, was killed by a Warner, Watson, Waymeyer and

> The 77 members who voted in the affirmative included all the Democratic leaders except Davidson of Marion, and the preminent Republican leaders as well. Tubbs and Bothwell were absent. Speaker Russell voted yea.

SCENE AT A FUNERAL.

olic Church Officials.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 - Gustat S Erdelyi, editor of the American Guard the organ of the Hungarians in Amer ica, who died at his home in this city last Saturday, was refused a burial by the Roman Catholic church. At the funeral, which was held today, the Section 1. Every city now or here- widow snatched the crociffx from the hands of her dead husband and cast it upon the floor, following that action by bitterly denouncing the church to which Gustaf Erdelyl had for many years been the leader of the Hungarian elemest advanced ideas. He was a prom- TO IMPROVE THE COMPLEXION! inent member of the Freemasons and was a devout Catholic, or at least had been up to a very short time before his death. After the death, Mrs. Erdelyl made preparations for the funeral, but, much to her surp-ise, was told by the priest of the church where she worshiped that as her husband had not received confession he could not be buried from the church or in consecrated ground. Upon hearing this the poor woman was nearly frenzied with grief. She appealed, it is said, to Archbishop Corrigan, who gave her no relief, and at last she was forced to seek a minister of the Protestant religion to perform the last rites over the body of the man she had loved. The Masons desired to take charge of the funeral, but Mrs. Erdelyl desired the services to be conducted by a minister, and so Rev. John V. Debins was called

The scene at the funeral was a most affecting one. Mrs. Erdevi, still clinging to the Roman Catholic faith, in which she had been strong since childhood, had placed a crucifix within the hands of her dead husband. But when she came to take the last look there was a revulsion of feeling, and with a scream of mingled anger and grief she snatched the crucifix from the stiffened fingers and burled it to the floor. Sec. 6. Whenever the mayor shall Then she seemed to lose all control of herself, and placing her heel upon the ments. Falling in this, she broke forth Into the most bitter denunciation of the Roman church and of all those who are its servants. No longer was the

share of her censure. The denunciation was so terrible that Sec. 7. The provisions of this act many burried from the building rather Debins did his utmost to quiet the woman, but for a time this was impossible, and entreaties seemed only to further increase her frenzy. At last, however, she was prevailed upon to be led from the room and the ceremonies were con-

cluded without further incident. Tonight Mrs. Erdelyi is quite prostrated, and it is feared that her reason may leave her, never to return. At times she is quiet, and then breaks out denouncing the church as she did at the funeral for not according the body of her husband the burial desired. Her tempt was made to secure an explanation from the church authorities, but none of them would discuss the matter for a moment. Those Hungarians who nearly as bitter in their denunciations as Mrs. Erdelyi, who seems to have host of personal friends.

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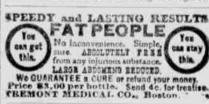
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