

## SATAN'S MASTERPIECE.

Such Has the History of Romanism Proved It to be.

Its Idolatrous Customs—Its Oppression and Tyranny Wherever It Has Obtained Control of the State.

### "The Masterpiece of Satan."

The distinguished Cecil is reported to have said that "Romanism is the masterpiece of Satan." Whether he said so or not, Rome herself has proved it true by her career. The papacy is the great enemy of the human race, the bitter and persistent foe of liberty, civil and religious. The world can have no greater or more dangerous enemy than this anti-Christian, immoral, idolatrous institution—the patron of licentiousness, bloodthirstiness, injustice, oppression and tyranny. Popery is what ails Ireland, Mexico, Spain, Portugal, and other papal countries. Remove popish meddling and oppressive taxation to support a voluptuous priesthood, and give those nations a free Bible and Christianity as God has revealed it, and they would be prosperous, peaceful and happy. Rome has outrun Babylon of old and all pagan nations in the career of crime, barbarities and abominations, so that inspiration has written upon her forehead, "Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth." Rev. xvii. 5. In the language of the Book of Revelation, this modern Babylon has "become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." Rev. xviii. 2, 3.

How do the kings of the earth commit fornication with the "mother of harlots"? By making her idolatrous worship the religion of the land, supporting her with the funds of the state, by endowing her institutions and granting special favors and according particular privileges in return for her votes and her political influence. Under this head may be ranked Cleveland's letter to Pope Leo XIII. It was an insult to the American people, because it was an attempt to seduce this nation to commit fornication with Rome, the great enemy of our free institutions. Besides, the letter was a tissue of hypocrisy and falsehood, conceived for political ends.

But, judging Rome from past history, her present character, pretensions and boasted purposes, it is evident she considers that her chief commission is not to preach the gospel and save souls, but to overthrow Protestantism, suppress religious liberty, and subjugate the world to her tyrannical dominion. This is expressed by her leaders and is understood in the lowest ranks of her vassals. The unlettered ignoramus who cannot write or read his own name is eloquent on the conquest of the Protestant world. He has learned it from "holy mother," from priest and bishop. This bloodthirsty spirit runs through rank and file.

The same sentiment was boldly uttered by Cardinal Manning, of England, a while before he died, when addressing the third provincial council of the archdiocese of Westminster. He said: "It is yours, right reverend fathers, to subjugate and subdue, to bend and break, the will of an imperial race—the will which, as of Rome of old, rules over nations and peoples invincible and inflexible. You have a great commission to fulfill, and great is the prize for which you strive. Surely, a soldier's eye and a soldier's heart would choose by intuition this field of England for the warfare of the faith. No simpler or nobler could be found. It is the head of Protestantism, the center of its movements, and the stronghold of its power. Weakened in England, it is paralyzed everywhere. Conquered in England, it is conquered throughout the world. Overthrown here, all is but a war of detail. All the roads of the whole world meet in one point. England is the key of the whole position of modern error." This is the voice of the papacy. It is not the conquest of England alone that is desired, but the conquest of America and the overthrow of our government, religion and liberty. "You have a great mission to fulfill," says Cardinal Manning—and what is it? Nothing less than the corruption and overthrow of the Christian religion—the suppression of all public testimony to the truth, the "witnesses" slain, lying dead in our streets, Protestant churches closed, and "no man might buy or sell, save

he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Rev. xiii. 17. To some extent, this is already true in the large cities. If Rome triumphs, we know what to expect. We oppose Rome not out of a sectarian spirit, but because popery in its nature, elements, claims and demands is destructive of all liberty and rights of conscience. A free Bible, free schools, free discussion, free thought, free pulpit, free press, and popery can not exist together in the same inclosure; hence Rome must conquer Protestantism or eventually and inevitably perish herself. Hence her war on American institutions. But true religion and freedom are always in harmony. A religion that is hostile to liberty is not Christianity. Christianity, as God gave it, secures to man all his rights, civil and religious. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Our liberties in free America were born of Christianity; they were not imported from Rome nor discovered by Columbus—they are the offspring of true religion. To maintain our freedom and prosperity, we must maintain a pure religion. A false religion corrupts and destroys.

Americans, see that the right men are put on guard, for there is a wily foe at your door. He may pretend to be a lamb, but his speech is that of the dragon. Stand by the truth—that will make us free. The Bible is a terror to Rome, because it condemns her idolatrous worship and her hypocrisy. The Bible should decide all questions in religion and morals. We do not want to take either our religion or our politics from Rome—we can get both nearer home.

### Fooled.

There are some who think the Roman Catholic church is a Christian church, and has as much to commend itself to the attention of the people as any church. As a Baptist minister said, "There are inconsistencies in the Baptist church as well as there are in the Roman Catholic church." As I have often said, I say now: "The Roman Catholic church is a semi-pagan church—some call it a pagan church." If a person reads the following article from the *Herald and Presbyter*, of May 15th, I cannot conceive how he can look upon this organization as one which is an exponent of the teachings of Christ:

"A private letter by one who traveled with his wife about him and his eyes open, tells of a visit to the wonderful, miracle-working Bambino, one of the greatest treasures of Rome. He says: 'We went, this morning, first to the church of Ari Celli, where is the tomb of St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, the discoverer of the wonderful relics which have so astonished us at various points. It is just beside the capitol, and is on what is held to have been the site of the temple of Juno Moneta. The great feature of this church, however, is that it contains the celebrated Bambino, the wonderful baby which has performed so many miracles. It is supposed to be kept in a certain chapel, and as a consequence the front of the chapel is adorned with votive offerings made by those who have been benefited by the interposition of the Bambino. Here are pictures representing the wonderful escapes from injury or death of a great number of persons, such as being run over by carriages and horses, falls down precipices, blows on the head, shipwrecks, sickness, and especially the dangers of child-bed. There is no other such baby in the world. Of course, we wanted to see it, and on asking the monks for it we were taken to another chapel in another part of the church, and there, after the manipulation of a vast amount of machinery, the monk brought out the box (a little trunk-like affair, painted white and adorned with gilding and jewels) which he unlocked, and then removing several little blanket-like clothes he at last uncovered the wonderful baby. It is a small sized baby, and would (if it were flesh and bone) weigh about six pounds. The face is wax (the whole is said to be wood miraculously painted) and the features are very good, though old for a new-born baby. It is swathed in white merinos, bound up after the Indian fashion, and has a gold crown on its head, with a cross on the top of the crown. The swathing bands are literally covered with gold ornaments and precious stones, rubies, emeralds, diamonds, etc. I looked at it as long as I chose, handed the monk two francs, which made him happy, and came away fully satisfied. I have seen the two most wonderful things in Rome—the Augustine Madonna and the Bambino. People in America cannot form a conception of Catholicism as it exists here. In this land, and especially in this city, it stands forth in its true character. I am again and again struck with the simplicity of these priests and monks, who do not seem to think that we can have any object in coming here to view

these pictures and statues but that of devotion. The monk who showed us the Bambino this morning seemed to believe it from the depths of his soul, and to think that of course we did the same. Still, I noticed that while he would not have gone in front of a picture of the Virgin without dropping upon at least one knee, he walked up and handled this wonderful baby with simply a removal of his little skull cap. I expected to see him kneel before it, but he didn't do so. Had he known why I wished to see it, I am quite sure he would not have shown it to me, and I am surprised that they should show it to any heretic, unless they hope that thus he may become converted.'

And this is the church which wants us to accept of her teaching in our public schools, and then calls the Bible in the public schools a sectarian book—which is exactly what any form of idolatry would. SAM'L J. CANYON.

### Rev. Mr. Mann Answered.

OMAHA, June 1.—EDITOR AMERICAN: On returning from church last Sabbath I was handed a pamphlet or tract entitled "The Need of Intellectual Life in the Church," by Newton M. Mann, in which he asserts that Christian people in the churches depend entirely on the ministers to do their thinking; that we have abundant facilities for dispensing religious instruction—large auditoriums, an army of ministers, many religious circles and societies, quantities of literature, theological seminaries and lectureships innumerable—of which we make little use; for the mind is only dreaming; that the church is not the light of the world; and, further, that the lack of independent thinking in the pews reacts on the pulpit, and the preacher has little respect for his hearers, and only speaks to them as inferiors. But let me say that a Christian minister speaks to his audience as brother to brother, man to man, and, if he does appeal to the heart, he is not taught by Holy Writ that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Therefore, it should be appealed to first, for Christ says: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." There are very few true Christians who do not wish and strive to enrich the mind with all things elevating and ennobling.

Mr. Mann says the preacher most acceptable to the Christian world writes a thousand sermons and stands at the same desk for fifty years without advancing one step, because the people want it so. Very true. Most of them do want it so, for they realize their need of the old, old story—"Christ and his crucifixion." And the minister who can fully impress that upon the hearts of his hearers most surely paves the way to greater intellectuality and purer aims in life. In fine, the preacher who can stand fifty years in the same pulpit is certainly appreciated for the great good he is doing to those to whom he ministers.

Mr. Mann says he "will not attempt to say just what a man would have left if he save his soul and lose his mind." It is well he does not. For if a man has tried to save his soul and afterward loses his mind, so that he has to be confined for years in an asylum, as has been many an educated man, does anyone suppose that when that man's soul is called hence it will go clouded before its Maker? Never. The soul is not clouded, if the mind is. The saving of the soul is one thing we can be sure of, if we try. How many brilliant minds have been clouded by the contents of the wine cup, and have only been rescued through the operation of Jesus Christ's gospel, which appeals directly to the heart. It is not the brilliant lecturer whose words regenerate the heart and life.

Do not be afraid of being a confined lunatic in paradise, for one who seeks only to improve his mind will never reach paradise.

The young theologians who are knocking for admission to the temple of Unitarianism have been told to stay where they are, as long as they honestly can, for there are no doors open for them, no pulpits for them to fill, and no people to listen to them. What an admission for an enlightened mind to make! If they will "come out on the Lord's side," there will be plenty of doors open and a vast field of labor for them. If they are honestly wishing to be useful, they will not stay longer than is necessary, but will find a work to do. In the Christian churches it is the cry for more laborers: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." We cannot educate them fast enough to fill the demand, for the multitude are clamoring for the bread of life.

Mr. Mann acknowledges that there are but fifty people in Nebraska who avowedly think as he does. Thank God there are no more. Their churches in this city, built with eastern money,

have closed doors the year round, while the Christian churches are filled to overflowing. "Nebraska a spiritual wilderness"? Indeed! Aside from the regular church attendance, what of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Epworth League? Both these societies represent thousands of young people. Are they all dreaming, too? If so, it is a happy dream. Perhaps they are untouched by "the spirit of a new age." But they are not untouched by the spirit of Christ. Go with them to the big convention and see what the brotherhood of Christ can do. And they are not called together by pope or bishop or father confessor. They come voluntarily and gladly to sing God's praise, to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. They have no need to confess to an earthly priest or potentate, or to bow the knee to gods of wood or stone. For they are thoroughly acquainted at headquarters, and know full well that "the Giver of every good and perfect gift" will not pigeonhole their petitions. Whatever humanity reaches out after in the way of novelty and innovation and change, may we all hold fast to the old faith and ever sing with a devout spirit, "Nearer, my God, to thee."

### A PRESBYTERIAN.

### Story of a Swedish Grain Merchant.

Several days ago we copied an item from a local paper and published it under the heading, "We Like This, Because It's American." It related that Alex. J. Johnson, editor of the *Swedish Kurier*, would oppose the formation of a Swedish Republican State League, on the ground that the Swedes were truly American, and that any attempt to foster racial customs on American soil was un-American. In answer to that little item we have received the following letter:

FORT OMAHA, Neb., June 5.  
EDITOR THE AMERICAN: Dear Sir—In your paper for the 24th of May appear a few lines under the heading: "We Like This, Because It's American." Next comes the name of one Alex. J. Johnson, editor of the *Swedish Kurier*, and how he (the editor) is going to fight against the Swedish Republican State League. Now, Friend Thompson, I do not mean to deny to you the right to hold an opinion in this behalf, but I think that if you will write to the editor of the *Swedish American* for particulars concerning the editor of *Kurier* and the league also, you will receive information which will convince you that the league is more American in its principles than is Alex. J. Johnson, in view of the fact that he is one of the sympathizers of the well-known O'Malley gang and the Market street gang, in the city of Chicago, and a faithful lobbyist for their rotten home-rule politics. The *Swedish American* recommends the organization of the league mentioned, as it proposes to do its best to purge the country of gang rule and the influence of the Irish Roman Catholics, and to preserve the ballot. The *Swedish American* is a strong sympathizer of the A. P. A. and speaks in its favor every week.

In the *Swedish American* of May 28th, second column of page 4, appears an article headed thus:

### LOST.

"Some years ago a grain merchant disappeared from the city of Oscarshamn, Sweden. With this grain merchant the value of many thousands of barrels of grain disappeared. Since that time this man has never been seen by the citizens of Oscarshamn. To the person who can inform all the farmers who sold their grain to the said grain merchant, but did not get paid for it, where the said grain merchant went to (for he never came back), the farmers have agreed to each give a peck of grain. Notice! The information should be sent to the police force of Oscarshamn, Sweden."

But now comes the funny part of it. The *Swedish American* declares that while he was a grain merchant in Oscarshamn he did not call himself Alex. J. Johnson, but in this country and in the city of Chicago he publishes a paper called the *Swedish Kurier*, and calls himself Alexander J. Johnson, editor. How is this for American?

### C. O. CEDARQUIST.

[If the insinuation in the above article is true, we think he is a fit champion of such gangs as O'Malley's and that of Market street. We would have no use for that kind of an American.—ED.]

### Makes Sharp Attack on Foreigners.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 30.—Col. Smiley, in his address at the memorial celebration in the Academy of Music to-night, attacked foreigners and Catholics. He said over half of the foreigners had no business in this country. He attacked the Germans directly, saying there were two elements among them—one the saloon and beer-soaked element, which ought not to be given the right to vote. The Catholics, too, he said, for the most part ought to be

excluded from this country, as they thought more of the pope than they did of American institutions. The remarks of Col. Smiley disgusted a number of Germans present, and they left the hall.

### Hauled It Down.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, June 5.—EDITOR AMERICAN: While canvassing for your paper in the northern part of Iowa, last week, I visited the little town of Harcourt, in Webster county, where I beheld a sight that stirred every drop of patriotic blood coursing through my veins.

Harcourt has a wealthy and respected citizen who has practically run the town, as I understand it, for a number of years. He is a hardware merchant, and a Norwegian by birth. It has been his custom to run up above his place of business, on the slightest provocation, the flag of Norway. Tuesday of last week I was in that town, and the Norwegian flag was floating where the Stars and Stripes should have been displayed. I asked one of the citizens what it meant, and was told that it was his custom to float that flag in celebrating any event which pleased his fancy. I told them the Stars and Stripes should wave above that flag, or it ought to be torn down. Several of the citizens were of the same opinion, and after I had left the town they waited on him and asked him to haul it down. After some parleying, he acceded to their request. Next day I was in the city, and stepped into the Norwegian's store. He abused me, and I told him that, had I not been a stranger in the place, he would have taken that flag down, or run the Stars and Stripes up over it, or I would have shot it down. I left town a few hours later, but returned the following day. On my return the hardware merchant, N. H. Hilton by name, became quite excited, and, I am informed, began searching for a piece of rope with which to hang me. Now, Mr. Editor, isn't that a nice way for an adopted citizen to act? I. LINDBLUM.

### New Movement.

The supreme council of the American Protective Association, which has just closed its annual session at Milwaukee, has again aroused the Irish tiger, and we are being treated to the usual dose of bitterness, slander and misrepresentation by newspapers of the "green stripe." The *Hibernian* says, "they are still at it," but a few weeks ago the same paper assured its readers that the A. P. A. had been knocked into smithereens, was under the ban of both political parties and every true American; but all at once it bobs up as serenely as ever, and more mighty than before. An international constitution has been adopted, by which the order in all countries may be unified and solidified and the work be carried on under the guidance and jurisdiction of one grand supreme council. This constitution will be sent to every country where the order has a foothold, for their approval and adoption. When this has been consummated, the A. P. A. will present a more formidable front to every foe of civil and religious liberty than ever before. Such an order is a crying necessity in Peru, Mexico, Brazil and other countries where Rome has throttled religious liberty and refuses to permit a Protestant minister to preach the gospel and exercise the functions of his office. In the United States, where she is in the minority and cannot carry out her avowed policy, she clamors for civil and religious liberty, and poses as the great champion thereof, but where she is in the majority the tables are turned, and she "grinds to powder" any church, sect or denomination that dares to differ from her teaching. This fact is so well known that the Roman newspapers never attempt to explain it, or confuse it, or give a reason for it. But the A. P. A. and kindred organizations are just as much needed in the United States, Canada and Australia as in the South American republics. In these countries she lacks the power to carry out her avowed purpose openly, hence, Jesuit like, she is secretly plotting and planning to remove some of the obstacles that stand in the way of her aggrandizement. By immigration and a system of parochial schools she endeavors to strengthen her hands here and make herself felt in politics, until, little by little, she will get a grip on this country and regain the power she has lost in Europe. The American public schools seem to be the great barrier in the way, hence for many years she has carried on a bitter war against them, sometimes secretly, at other times openly, just as it suited her purpose. Then, again, though we have an article in the constitution against any union of church and state, the Roman Catholic church, under various disguises, has drawn millions of dollars from the state treasuries for the sup-

port of her sectarian institutions. She had a peculiar grip on New York until a year ago, and under the name of "Tammany" ran the whole state as best suited her purpose. Through the brave efforts of Rev. Dr. Parkhurst this corrupt and rotten concern has been overthrown, and the very "pillars of the church" began to fall, and had some other man than Fenian Goff manipulated the case, the exposure would not have stopped where it did. Now, these and other things demand just such an organization as the A. P. A., and when the church of Rome is willing and ready to take her place on a level with Protestant churches, and be satisfied with equal rights and the privileges afforded by the American constitution, there will not be such great need of an organization like the A. P. A. When Rome adapts herself to our school system and the great laws which govern this country; when, in a word, she becomes thoroughly American and keeps up with the progress of the times the fight will end, and not before. No church can contend for pre-eminence here without causing friction and bad blood. The effort and agitation for the establishment of a papal legation at Washington and an American one at Rome is something which no true American will endure. Making the church of Rome a state and recognizing the temporal power of the pope, which is *non est* for the last twenty-five years, will cause religious discord in this free republic, and if men band together against any such assumption, whether as A. P. A., or P. O. S. of A., or American Mechanics, the Roman church is to blame for the friction, and one of the bishops of Rome has clearly acknowledged this. The bringing of Satoll to this country, with the full powers of a pope in America, has strained matters to the highest tension. Let us get down to rock-bottom facts and see who is to blame for the religious discord and animosity now rampant in our nation. It is all very well to talk about "dark-lantern conspirators," "bigotry," "proscription," and what not; but who is to blame for the unhappy state of things now prevalent here and in Canada? We say, without fear of contradiction, that if Rome would lay aside her childish claims to pre-eminence and superiority in this country, and fall in line with things as she finds them, and loyally stand by our institutions, the blocking and strife would cease. Until she does this the A. P. A. will oppose her in her false assumptions and in her effort to support herself out of the state treasury. Shall the light go on or out? Rome must answer.—Protestant Standard.

### To Do Away with Lay Teachers.

MONTREAL, June 4.—There is what seems to be excellent authority to state that a bill is being framed, to be submitted to the Quebec legislature at the next session, to abolish the Jacques Cartier Normal School in this city and the Laval Normal School in Quebec, and to hand over the revenues therefrom to Laval University, and to place the entire education of the Roman Catholic youth of this province under the control of the different religious congregations. This project, it is further stated, has received the sanction of the highest educational authorities of the province, and if the present outlook does not change it may become law. This move, it seems, has for its principal object to do away as much as possible with lay teachers. This is said to be an answer to the efforts made by Senator Masson and some of his colleagues to have a law passed by which no person, either in religious or lay life, may hold the position of teacher without being provided with a diploma.

### They Are After the Boys.

AURORA, Mo., June 1, 1895.—HON. H. H. HINDE: Please inform me where to apply, and to whom, to obtain the names of the members of the house of representatives who voted to table the resolution of Representative Jones (of Hickory), recommending certain legislation regarding the House of the Good Shepherd? We are after our representative again. S. C.

The above letter is a sample of many received since Mr. Hinde's bill relating to the inspection of charitable institutions was killed in the last session of the general assembly of Missouri. It would appear that the people are not exactly satisfied with the results of the labors of some of the legislators.

We find on our table the book, "Why I Am an A. P. A., Dedicated to the American Protective Association," by James Sargent, of 303 Beekley Building, Rochester, N. Y. Of all books it undoubtedly is one of the best published. The 150 pages of the work contain much valuable information, being replete with facts and figures. The author deals only in modern facts, which prove a Gibraltar against the denials of Rome.