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ROME RULES OR RUINS

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Senator Blair, in a speech before the United States senate, February 15, 1888, said: "Twelve years ago I was a member of the house of representatives, and we were undertaking to enact a constitutional amendment which was to prevent the appropriation of public moneys to the support of sectarian schools in this country. A friend of mine pointed out to me nine Jesuits who were logging against that amendment." Why? Because their church was receiving at that very time between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually for the support of their parochial schools; and even down to the time of President Harrison's term of office the same conditions substantially prevailed. The *Freeman's Journal* (Catholic) says: "Let the school system go to where it came from, the devil." This is the first time that I ever knew that Satan was the champion of a liberal education for the masses. I had always supposed that ignorance was his best friend, and I am inclined to think so yet, the *Freeman's* (?) *Journal* to the contrary, nevertheless.

The *Catholic World*, in its issue of April, 1871, has this to say: "The best ordered and administered state is that in which the few are well educated and lead, and the many are trained to obedience." So ignorance is the mother of order and obedience, and the basis of a well-ordered government? I presume that Spain, during the three hundred

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and twenty-seven years, from 1451 to 1808, may be taken as a sample of this ideal condition, for ignorance certainly was almost universal; yet as was stated before in a quotation from an Italian journal, Rome found it necessary to the peace of Spain, to burn alive more than 150 persons annually and "condemn to other punishments short of death," and probably little short of death, more than 1,000 more. And this for but the one crime, heresy. Yes! Yes! Ignorance, that art the highest virtue where error seeks to reign! Down! Down! ye ignorant dogs, and kiss the feet of the cowed religionists that rest upon your necks! Bless the hands that smite you and bind heavy burdens upon your backs, that will not put forth a little finger to help lift! Follow them! Blindly follow them, until together you tumble into the bottomless pit, and welcome it as a heaven of relief! But again, we quote from the organ of the Jesuits, published at Rome. It says that: "The people do not need to learn to read; all they need is bread and the Catechism, the latter they can know something of without learning to read." Now we see clearly that Rome is certainly the champion of ignorance.

Another of our cherished rights is that of free religious privileges, the inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of the worshiper's conscience, without fear of molestation or interference. This right the people of this country have reserved to themselves by the provisions of the constitution and protected by adequate national and state laws, for just so long as, in the exercise of this right, the equal rights of others are not infringed.

How stands the great "mother of harlots" on this question? Listen to the utterances of Pope Pius IX., delivered August 15, 1874: "The absurd and erroneous doctrine or ravings in defense of liberty of conscience are a most pestiferous error. A pest, of all others, most to be dreaded in a state." What state? The state where Rome rules. Why? Because Rome can rule only as she can bind the conscience.

Again, "Religious liberty is merely endured until the opposite can be carried into effect without peril to the Catholic world." The above is from Bishop O'Connor. The words of Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, are equally significant: "Heresy and unbelief are crimes; and in Italy and Spain, where all the people are Catholics, and where the Catholic religion is an essential part of the law of the land, they are punished as other crimes."

The *Rambler*, a Catholic periodical published in London, has this to say: "Religious liberty, in the sense of a liberty possessed by every man to

choose his religion, is one of the most wicked delusions ever foisted upon this age by the father of all deceit. . . . No man has a right to choose his religion." Concerning tolerance, where Rome has power, the *Rambler* adds: "Catholicism is the most intolerant of creeds. It is intolerance itself." The *Shepherd of the Valley* echoes the same sentiments: "The Catholic who says that the church is not intolerant belies the sacred spouse of Christ. . . . We maintain that the Church of Rome is intolerant. That she uses every means in her power to root out heresy. Her intolerance is the result of her infallibility. She tolerates heretics where she is obliged to do so, but she hates them with a deadly hatred, and uses all her powers to annihilate them. Our enemies know how the Romish church treated heretics in the 'Middle Ages,' and how she treats them to-day wherever she has the power. We no more think of denying these historical facts than we think of blaming the Holy God and the princes of the church for what they have thought good to do."

This statement leaves nothing to be desired for clearness. Now Protestants and unbelievers in this country may know just what to expect at the hands of Rome, when she possesses the power to do her will. It is only necessary to read the history of the "Middle Ages" to understand our fate.

But how does she expect to secure such control of this country as will enable her to carry out her cherished designs and introduce the stake, the rack, the thumb-screw and her other engines of torture for the correction of heresy, unbelief and liberty? She purposes using three methods:

1. Political supremacy by the ballot-box.
 2. Immigration.
 3. Bullets if necessary.
- For the time being the cunning hierarchy is working silently. She has changed her tactics, but not her purposes, from methods inquisitorial to methods senatorial, all the time seeking to achieve one end, Roman Catholic supremacy in America.

Bishop O'Connell, addressing Catholics in this country, says: "You should do all in your power to carry out the intentions of his holiness the pope. Where you have the electoral franchise, give your votes to none but those who assist you in so holy a struggle." It is a fact, now quite generally known, that it is not very long ago since the Catholics of this country were agitating the organization of a distinctively Catholic party. On that question the *Catholic Review*, in an article headed, "Not bullets but ballots," has this to say: "There can really be no question con-

cerning the need of a Catholic party in the United States. . . . The success of the German Catholic party has been of a kind to warrant an attempt to initiate in America and elsewhere. If a Catholic party was and is necessary in Germany and Ireland, it is necessary here. We cannot get along without it, and it is therefore only a matter of time, and a very short time at that, until that party is safely established."

I only hope that such may be the case. Then the fight will fairly be on. American Protestants against Roman Catholic foreigners. The *Freeman's Journal* intimates the same possibility in the following words: "The day may not be far distant when we may have again a president in Washington who will protect our rights, and then we will show the people that we mean something more than simply putting resolutions on paper." What will they show us?

On the subject of immigration as a means to the accomplishment of their designs, hear what the Duke of Richmond has to say: "The government of the United States ought not to stand; and it will not stand." These are emphatic words; but how does he propose to overthrow it? Listen: "But it will be destroyed by subversion, and not by conquest. The plan is this: To send over the surplus population of Europe. They will go over with foreign views and feelings and will form a heterogeneous mass, and in course of time will be prepared to rise and subvert the government." Now there the plan of campaign is declared. On the one hand the organization of a Catholic party in this country, and on the other the dumping on our shores such a heterogeneous mass of foreign material that we cannot assimilate and Americanize, and of a character to strengthen the aforesaid party. We know that a very large percentage of those who have come to our shores from foreign lands are Roman Catholics, and remain so. We also know that it is a settled policy of Rome to get as many of her subjects into official positions as possible. To this end she has her emissaries (the Jesuits) in all parts of the country, looking after Rome's interests in this matter and forcing Catholics into public notice and politics. To such an extent has this prevailed that it has been said that the moment an Irish Catholic purchased a ticket for America he was a prospective alderman, justice of the peace, or policeman. We know that in most of our large cities, and in some counties and states, the Catholics even now hold the balance of power, and taking the country at large, they hold a percentage of the offices far in excess of the ratio of the population that they

constitute. There is no doubt but that Mr. Satelli is in this country, not so much for the purpose of looking after the religious interests of the church as after the political interests of the old man on the Tiber.

Another means that they will not scruple to use is "force." Their utterances in this regard are somewhat guarded. Yet Father Capel has said: "The time is not far distant when the Roman Catholics, at the pope's command, will refuse to pay their school tax, and will send bullets to the breasts of the government agents, rather than pay it. The order can come any day from Rome. It will come as quickly as the click of a trigger, and it will be obeyed, of course, as coming from God Almighty Himself." No doubt there is more truth than poetry in the above, and if it does not mean that the Roman Catholic church in America is ready and waiting orders to begin open hostilities against our government, then I fall to understand the meaning of words. If such is not their ultimate design, why is it that nearly every Roman Catholic church in the United States has its company, or more, of soldiers, thoroughly armed, equipped and drilled?

Did it ever occur to you, friends, that the day may not be far distant when the sons of our revolutionary fathers may be obliged to grapple with this foe of all that those fathers held dear, and fought and died for to bequeath to us? Shall we prove ourselves worthy of such an ancestry and such a heritage?

Remember, we meet a foe with centuries of experience behind her and whose settled policy is, "Rule or ruin." We know, again, that because of this policy of hers, some of the European nations have, in the interests of self-preservation, found it necessary to expel the pope's pets (the Jesuits) from their borders. Just sixty years after the organization of the Society of Jesuits, France found it necessary to banish them. That was in the year 1594; but she reinstated them again in 1603, and expelled them again in 1764. England expelled them in the year 1594; Portugal, in 1759, and Spain, in 1767. Pope Clement expelled them from all Catholic countries in 1773, but they were reinstated by Pope Pius VII., in 1814. They were expelled from Portugal a second time, in 1820, from Spain in 1820, and restored in 1825, and for a third time expelled in 1835. They were expelled from Switzerland in 1817; Russia, 1817; Italy, 1870, and Germany in 1873. It may be found necessary for the peace and safety of this country to expel them from United States soil.

We know that in our late civil war the pope's sympathies were with the

secessionists. This tendency or disposition to steal nations led to serious trouble in Japan in the sixteenth century, resulting in the death of thousands of Japanese converts to Romanism, the banishment of all European missionaries and the closing of Japan to the outside world. This was due to the discovery of a plot by which Rome was to steal Japan and bring it under the pope's dominion. It is also a fact, that in the present Cuban struggle for liberty, Rome is against Cuba and for Spain. And so it goes to the end of the chapter.

Knowing, then, their past history, and their present designs upon America, shall we calmly wait, inactive, and allow them to carry them out? Shall we meekly submit to receive the mark of the "beast," and kiss the toe that kicks us?

Americans! Protestants! Freemen! What say you? Patriots, awake! Open your eyes and look around you, and see how the coils of this serpent are fast tightening about us. Awake, sleepers, and guard your homes and your liberties. Where is the modern Paul Revere, who will ride through the land and arouse our slumbering countrymen? Awake! Awake! ere you find yourselves in chains and slavery, bewailing your lost liberties. Let the deeds of your fathers inspire you. May their painted likenesses break the silence and warn you of your danger. O, that they might break the bands of the tomb and come forth, to once more defend the liberties they furnished at so terrible a cost!

I thank God for the patriotic orders that are standing in the breach. May their numbers increase and their power be felt, so long as the mutterings of a foe are heard in our land. Put ye on "the whole armor of God." Let the weapons of your warfare, for the present, be "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," and a solid ballot upon which no foe's name shall appear. Your country's liberties are in your keeping; therefore, relying upon the Almighty's arm, Strike! strike before it is too late to strike, and prove yourselves worthy of the sacred trust committed to your keeping. RED INK.

The Difference.

There is another reason why the United States must just now take up the quarrel of a South American nation. Those countries are Catholic and England is a Protestant country. There is a presidential campaign coming, and both parties are anxious to placate Rome. It is true that Cuba is suffering a thousandfold more than Venezuela, but then she suffers at the hands of Catholic Spain. That makes all the difference in the world.—*True American.*