

MANCATION OF YENAGA REMARRIAGE

Explanation is Made by an Official of the Catholic Church.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The marriage of Miss Mabel Wright, formerly Mrs. Fernando Yanaga, to County Zieby in St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church two weeks ago has caused much comment. It was considered by many persons as an indication that the church had recognized divorce. Miss Wright had recently secured a divorce from her husband in South Dakota, and the church sanctioned her second marriage.

The Rev. Dr. John McQuirk, rector of St. Paul's Catholic church, is the person who examined into the case of Miss Wright and gave a decision, sanctioned afterwards by the archbishop, which left her free to marry Count Zieby. Dr. McQuirk is the "Defender of the Marriage Tie" in the Catholic diocese of New York, an office he has held for six years. He claims the case, far from being a recognition of divorce by the church, is exactly the opposite, and he bases his view on the decision that Mabel Wright's first marriage to Yanaga was invalid. He said to-day: "Miss Wright's case was under investigation for two months and was subjected to the coldest scrutiny, but it was really very simple. Yanaga was baptized a Catholic in the Church of the Transfiguration, in Mott street, and Miss Smith, his first wife, was validly baptized in the Episcopal church in Mobile. Their marriage was valid. That fact has not even been questioned. That he was afterwards divorced and his wife had married again did not leave him free to contract another marriage. Therefore, there was no marriage in the eyes of the church between him and Miss Wright, and she was consequently authorized to enter into matrimony with Count Zieby. All the facts were proven by the very strongest documentary evidence, the church records in this city and Mobile, and the decision was a very plain and simple one. Cardinal Satolli had nothing to do with the case."

Truth and Piety in the Church, and Peace and Liberty in the State.

Corruption and despotism in the church, is generally followed by corruption and despotism in the state. Apostasy in the church carries moral degradation into all ranks of society. Every religion makes a character after its own likeness. Like produces like. This is no speculative idea—a mere theory, the result of ignorance and perverted judgment; but a fact demonstrated by the experience and history of nations and according to the law of cause and effect. Every effect has an adequate cause and the effect takes its nature from the cause. This is in harmony with the divine law in creation, that every tree bears "fruit after his kind." The Saviour alludes to this law when He says: "For every tree is known by his own fruit." "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit," etc. "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" He applies this to morals and religion. Speaking of false prophets, he said: "Ye shall know them by their fruits." The principle is true in both the natural and moral world. Plant an evil tree and in the process of time it will bring all over with evil fruit, for a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. Hence, plant a corrupt religious tree in any land and bring the people under its influence, and the natural effect will be the moral degradation of the country. "Like priest, like people." Degraded Spain and Mexico, and other papal nations, are fruit of Romanism. But we need not labor to prove what is self evident to the observer and what Christian and heathen acknowledge. Paul says: "Evil communications corrupt good manners." "A little leaven, leavens a whole lump." The "mother of harlots" has bewitched all nations with her sorceries and made them "drank with the wine of her fornication."

When a man embraces the religion of the meek and lowly Jesus, taught by His ward and Spirit, it imparts to him the likeness, spirit and disposition of that religion. The religion "that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits." Whoever is born of such a religion is "gentle and easy to be entreated," because he is converted to God through the religion which plants in the heart "the love which is the fulfilling of the law" and "worketh no ill-will to his neighbor." It is not the fighting kind of religion. It never persecutes those of a different faith. It "earnestly contends for the faith once delivered to the saints," but does it in the spirit of the Divine Master and the charity that "suffereth long and is kind," a "charity that never faileth." A world full of such Christians would constitute the millennium. Then there will be none to make us afraid. The persecutors and "shaven-pated despots of Italy" will not be there. But a false, idolatrous religion will never bring the millennium. A lie is the opposite of truth and has an opposite effect; it put the devil in men; but the "truth as it is in Jesus," through grace, casts the devil out of men. "Without the power of the gospel and Christ's true disciples,

this world would be a pandemonium, and some parts are that yet. The only hallowed places, the only green spots on the earth to-day, are the places where the Son of Righteousness has cast His peaceful rays and warmed the heart with love to God and man. But a pagan religion makes men cruel, barbarous and bloodthirsty. This seems to be especially true of the papal religion. The history of the Romish church is a history of blood, riot and revolution. She has instilled into her devotees the spirit of persecution and murder, teaching that heretics ought to be persecuted unto death. The oath of the bishop requires him to punish with death those who refuse submission to Rome and protest against her idolatrous worship. True religion never persecutes, it seeks to save and not to kill.

A religious corporation that denies the right of private judgment, a right to read God's Word, and liberty to worship according to the dictates of conscience is an Antichrist. What a contrast between "the martyrs of Jesus" and the bloodthirsty church that burns them at the stake. But Romanism is the religion of the dragon, and its devotees imbibe the cruel, persecuting spirit of the dragon, which shows itself in hatred of the Bible and of Christ's true disciples. "And the dragon was wrath with the woman (the true church) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."—Rev. 12:17. The worshippers of the dragon have ever been the persecuting party. "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast."—Rev. 13:4. This persecuting spirit has been the character of popery through its whole history. The same spirit actuates it to-day and is the legitimate fruit of the system, the teaching of popes and councils.

What mean these Roman military companies, drilling and arming for war? Against what are these papal saints going to make war? We know. It is against what Rome has always fought—the saints and martyrs of Jesus, God's witnesses, and against the Bible, and civil and religious freedom. This papal army organized in this republic is an insult to the flag of the American people, and means the subjugation of the United States to papal rule. Rank treason is behind this movement, and if our government is not blind, intimidated or corrupted, it will ask: What does this military array mean? To free Ireland? Nonsense! Nothing kills Ireland but popery. The "little horn" of Dan. 7:25 is behind this military movement. The base of operations is on the banks of the Tiber. A foreign despot holds the reins and directs every movement along the line. The object is to "wear out the saints of the Most High" and conquer the Protestant world, and especially England and the United States, and regain the ascendancy. But popery is in its dotage now and there is great anxiety at the "seat of the beast," and preparations are going on for a great conflict. It will hasten the end. CALVIN.

Facts About the Bible.

The Bible contains sixty-six books, 1,189 chapters, 31,173 verses, 773,692 words, and 3,586,489 letters. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times; the word "Lord," 1,855 times; "reverend," but once; "girl," but once, in the 3rd verse of the 3rd chapter of Joel. The words "everlasting punishment," appear but once, and "everlasting fire," but twice. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter "J." The finest chapter to read is the 26th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The 19th chapter of II. Kings and the 37th chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of St. John, viz.: "Jesus Wept." The 8th, 15th, 21st and 31st verses of the 107th Psalm are alike. Each verse of the 136th Psalm ends alike. There are no words of more than six syllables.

Only One Assessor.

John H. Hamline—There should be but one assessor for the whole city, with a salary of about \$12,000 a year, for a term of three or five years. When property is assessed properly the taxes will be less than 1 per cent. Good men who will accept the office of assessor are hard to find. Who wants to go to a monkey and parrot fight every week? Politics has become so corrupt a gallon of whiskey will get more votes than a week's argument. Saloons are at the bottom of it. Raise the license to \$1,000 a year, revoke the license of every man who gives a policeman a free drink, and depose every policeman who goes into a saloon when on duty, and you will stop much of the trouble. Policemen get too fat on free drinks.—Chicago Tribune.

Dog Used as a Proselytizer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Annie O'Brien, aged 17, to-day swore out a warrant for the arrest of Rev. Matthias Yodyzys, pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Roman Catholic church. She charges that the priest set his big St. Bernard dog Bismarck on her to try to intimidate her into returning to his church.

ONTARIO'S VOICE.

Rev. Dr. Dewart, Late Editor of the Christian Guardian, on the Great Issue Before the People.

The following letter was furnished to the Winnipeg Tribune: SIR:—I have watched with deep interest the different phases of the Manitoba school question. I have admired the firmness and moderation with which your government has maintained and defended the statesmanlike school law that your legislature enacted. I have never for a moment doubted that it was a wise and patriotic measure.

It seems strange that those who advocate the restoration of Roman Catholic public schools constantly assume that your present school law is "unjust" to the Catholic minority, and all who believe that an unsectarian school system is best for the country, are alleged to be unwilling to do "justice" to the Roman Catholics. I cannot admit the correctness of this assumption. It is no "injustice" to the Roman Catholic church to place it on the same level with other churches. It has no higher claim than any other church. The Manitoba school act treats all churches alike. I freely give to the Roman Catholic church every right and privilege I claim for my own church. Am I unjust to any one in saying I would give to no one church special privileges not given to all churches? If any church makes a demand from the government, that demand should not be granted unless the government believes it to be something that is reasonable and best for the country. No wrong is done by denying exceptional sectarian privileges to any church. The public policy of a country should not be determined by the minority.

It is sometimes said that the province of Quebec has shown greater liberality to Protestants by granting them separate schools. But the public schools of Quebec are nearly all French schools in which the Roman Catholic religion is taught. It is the so-called "Protestant Dissident schools" that are the real public and unsectarian schools. These do not exist in order to teach the Protestant religion. The present dual system of Quebec, which gives the Roman Catholic clergy full control and the right to have the religious dogmas of their church taught in the public schools, must be quite satisfactory to the Roman Catholic hierarchy. It is hard to see how it can be regarded as a liberal concession to Protestants. They do not want sectarian schools at all. Their present system accommodates the Catholics as much as the Protestants.

It is not fair to represent Protestants as being animated by hostility to the Catholics, because they advocate unsectarian national schools. I have no hostile feelings whatever, but I firmly believe such schools to be best for the Roman Catholics themselves. Of course, the attempt of the dominion government to force Catholic schools in Manitoba in order to secure the political support of the Catholics of Quebec, makes the case very much worse. How would Quebec like to be coerced to please Ontario, and be deprived of the right to manage its own educational affairs? Let sectarian people who do not want their children to associate in school with children belonging to other churches, pay for the privilege of isolation. Sectarian strife is very undesirable, but in this case the strife is caused by those who are fighting for the overthrow of a constitutional law.

E. H. DEWART, TORONTO, Dec. 27, 1895.

TO AMERICANIZE THE CAPITAL.

Americanism must be enthroned in our nation's capital. Rome must not dominate the next president of these United States. Your duty as a patriot is to help enthroned Americanism throughout the United States and particularly in the city of Washington. Will you enlist for that purpose? We have, and we are terribly in earnest; so much so that we have determined, with God's help, to save this country from the Roman hierarchy. To do this we must have your help and the help of your friends. Our plan is not a secret one. It is as open as the day. We propose to convince the American people that they are in danger from Romanism and that their civil and religious liberties are in jeopardy through the machinations of the Roman Catholic church—a vast political machine. In order to convince the people we must reach them, and in order to reach them we have decided to send THE AMERICAN from now until January 1st, 1897, for the sum of 50 cents. THE AMERICAN is \$2.00 per year, but in order to create a healthy spirit of Americanism we will send it from now until Jan. 1, 1897, during the presidential campaign, for 50 cents. Old subscribers can take advantage of this offer by paying their subscription up to the day they take advantage of this offer at the regular \$2 rate, but they cannot let their subscriptions run until the end of 1896 and then claim the right to settle for 50 cents. The subscription price remains the same (\$2) to all who fail to take advantage of this offer.

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KNOCKS DOWN A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

William F. Miller Resents a Pulpit Declaration by Father Reckz.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Jan. 3.—Father Reckz, pastor of St. Ignatius Catholic church, feels that he is a much-abused man. A man knocked the priest down in his own parsonage yesterday afternoon, all because of a sermon New Year's day, in the course of which the priest inveighed against marriages between Protestants and Catholics, and hinted that marriages between Catholics and Protestants, not solemnized by a Catholic priest, were void in the eyes of the Lord, and that the offspring were necessarily illegitimate.

Mrs. William F. Miller, wife of an ex-county treasurer and prominent business man, was a member of the congregation, and as her husband is a Protestant and the couple were married by a Protestant clergyman, she felt hurt and told her husband of the things Father Reckz said.

Mr. Miller, notwithstanding the serious physical disability imposed by a lame leg, immediately visited the parsonage and asked the priest if he really said what had been ascribed to him. Father Reckz returned an unsatisfactory answer, and was promptly knocked down in his own parlor. Reckz visited a justice to-day and asked for a warrant, but was advised not to take any legal proceedings. He has laid the matter before Bishop Vortin of Marquette. The sentiment of the community upholds Miller's spirited defense of the legitimacy of his little son.

SLATE SMASHED IN MARYLAND.

Democratic Nominee for President of the State Senate Set Aside.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., January 1.—Both branches of the legislature were organized to-day, and the governor's message was read, after which an adjournment until Tuesday was had, to allow the list of committees to be made up. The slate fixed up at the caucus of the Republican members last night went through in the house, and Ex-Congressman Sydney E. Mudd was safely landed in the speaker's chair. It was not so with the Democratic nominee for president of the senate, however, for Senator John Walter Smith, of Worcester, who got all the votes at the Democratic senatorial caucus, was unceremoniously set aside at the last moment, and Senator W. Cabell Bruce, of Baltimore, was elected in his stead. This is a crushing defeat for all the old-line politicians, as Senator Bruce is looked upon as a reformer of the first class, and every effort has been made by the regulars within his party to prevent his election.

That Irish Army.

Who are these men who are organizing an "Irish army," or military companies, to fight England? Are they American citizens? If so, how can they be organizing an "Irish army?" And what cause or right have they to be preparing to fight England? If they are Irish, they show us no good cause even then for their enmity. The Irish have been largely relieved of any financial burdens they ever had in the last ten years. If the promoters of these "military companies" are Irish, why do we let a lot of foreigners plot in daylight in the United States against a government and people we are at peace with? Really, look at it from whatever standpoint you may, this formation of an Irish army in the United States is a most uncalled-for and curious anomaly. What grievances have the people in Ireland? Gladstone supported the proposition of Parnell that Ireland should have in the British empire the same freedom of local legislation that a state has in the United States, mainly because of the growing impossibility of the one central legislative body dealing adequately with local questions, and very little of late years because the people of Ireland were oppressed. Again we may say that this formation of an "Irish army" in the United States is a curious thing. Read the dispatches about the formation of these companies in the light of the condition of the papacy in Rome and Italy, as shown by the two articles we print this week on the first and fifth pages, and then see how it looks to you. We do not believe, however, that the Irish army business will amount to anything serious. The Irish have to "blow off" once in awhile, and that is all the army is—a "blow-off." It does not give us the slightest uneasiness. Still, it is well to keep track of it.—American Leader.

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NEW A. P. A. MANIFESTO.

President Traynor Announces the Political Status of the Order.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 3.—W. J. H. Traynor, supreme president of the American Protective Association, is about to issue an official circular reviewing the progress of the organization and the political situation. He states that a large number of members of congress are also members of the A. P. A., pledged to the following measures, most of which will be introduced into the house during the present session:

To secure a just distribution of federal offices; to establish a national university; to restrict immigration and regulate naturalization; Linton's joint resolution amending the constitution, prohibiting for all time sectarian appropriations; to open to public inspection all monastic and private or semipublic institutions that are not under state control; prohibiting the official recognition by the United States of any officers or any dignitary of any ecclesiastical body or church, or the official recognition of such as the delegate or representative of any church or ecclesiastical power; prohibiting any body of men other than members of the United States army and navy and of the militia of the various states from drilling or parading with, keeping in any armory, or using such arms or deadly weapons of any kind, such act not to extend to the uniform rank of benefit societies, except to debar them from drilling with, carrying or keeping firearms.

Mr. Traynor also reviews presidential possibilities, and attacks President Cleveland in these words: "It is doing no injustice to Mr. Cleveland to assert that if the United States had been a papal country and the pope a temporal sovereign, our president could not have given more recognition to the papacy as a temporal power than he has done during his present term of office."

Allison and Reed come in for a fair share of condemnation for what Mr. Traynor alleges as their pro-papal attitude and their antagonism to the patriotic orders. He presents the names of Hon. W. S. Linton, of Michigan; Senator John Gear, of Iowa; Governor W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, and ex-President Harrison as worthy the support of the A. P. A. He affirms that in the event of any indication of the Republican "trucking to Rome" "a new party should and must result."

Our Public Schools.

We copy the following items from the Woman's Voice:

The school superintendent of Bangor, Me., is a woman, and she is chasing up the truants so that there are 200 more children in school than ever before.

The president of Brown University advocates taking children at 2 1/2 years old and educating them in public kindergartens.

There is constant complaint from college faculties that the English taught in preparatory schools is conspicuous chiefly from its poverty; that not one high school graduate in three can write correct, intelligent English. This is a sad condition of affairs, for no language is stronger, sweeter and richer than our own; but we are inclined to believe that critics lay the blame where it does not belong. The real root of the difficulty lies in child English—the bad habits of speech acquired before school years, and intensified by lack of consistent training in the primary and grammar schools.

In Syracuse, N. Y., they have a truant school in operation which promises to do a great deal of good, and might be adopted in other localities with like beneficial results, suggests the Trenton (N. J.) American. The plan is to take a boy who insists upon playing truant to the truant school for at least ten days. There he receives good food, a good bed, regular study hours and plenty of time for play. He goes to bed at 7:30 o'clock and rises at an early hour. After their first confinement in this truant school, the truants are given another chance in the schools which they are accustomed to attend. The second sentence is more severe than the first, and so on.

Josiah S. Leeds writes in the American Friend concerning the new secret society for boys called "Character Castle," which has been organized in Indiana:

"The idea which gave rise to this order," says the circular concerning it, "is that we might use the love of secrecy as a means of winning boys and young men to, and holding them under good influences, and in the companionship of good men of mature years, in a

society in which religion is not the distinguishing characteristic, but in which moral culture is never forgotten."

In other words, as the Christian Cyrenian apily puts it, it appeals to the boy's desire to learn secrets, and his love of banners and regalia, and his desire for entertainment, and by these means purposes to draw and hold him. Professor Simpson Ely, having been written to by the secretary of this new order for his approval of it, states that he sent the "scribes" his unqualified disapproval of the scheme, and adds: "It now seems that the multiplication of lodges threatens to bleed the church to death. It makes my heart sick. What better 'character castle' can be found than the home and the church?"

The words of a man like Professor Ely are to be heeded. Parents and teachers have more reason to fear the insidious effects of evil disguised as good than evil in its proper shape. The latter they can guard against. The former they are tempted to embrace because of the end sought without taking into consideration the questionable methods.

The state superintendent of public instruction of Minnesota recently received an inquiry whether or not the law prohibited the opening of public schools with a recital of the Lord's Prayer and asking the advice of the superintendent when one person in the district objected to the service. In an opinion rendered yesterday Attorney General Childs, to whom the matter was referred, holds that the service is in violation of section 16 of the state constitution, which provides that no person shall be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of worship. As the constitution requires the people of the state to support its schools, a religious service at the opening of school is unconstitutional and cannot be maintained where there is an objection.

How the mere recital of the Lord's Prayer can change a school building from its original purpose into a "place of worship" is probably very clear to the astute lawyer who rendered this decision, but scarcely to the majority of common sense people.

The Pope's Soliloquy.

The people suspect I want war for two nations. Who think they know much, while they're dumb as a bat—I would have been glad if they had killed half creation. Of those poor heretical sons of a cat. But I am so glad to see the Turks thrashing those Protestant demons who live in that land. And that is the reason I'm glad this war question has stopped that old England from showing her hand. The way that the Protestants were working the country. The Sultan would soon have gone to their ranks. And left his Mahomet for Christ and the Bible. And called all the sons of the true church, "poor cranks." But I am so glad that the Sultan gave bullets. And England has quietly sat on the sea. Because I have managed things over the water. And killed the old heretics, "so mote it be." HARMONY PLAINS.

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