BEHIND STONE WALLS

Let the Search-Light of Rea son be Turned on.

Should the Cry of Religion Shield the Convents From Public Investigation-The State Should Inspect.

BERLIN HEIGHTS. O., April 6 .- An act has been introduced in the legislature of Ohio, adding the convents and Roman Catholic schools to the list of institutions which a properly appointed committee are to yearly examine. All lovers of their country should make every exertion to have this become a law, and when enacted, see to it that it is enforced. The magnitude of the evil this law seeks to remedy is not understood by the people. The convents, or nunnerles, are usually situated in retired localities, and when in cities, the closed gates shut them effectually walls, whatever transpires is never re- schools of Holy Cross and St. Patrick's vealed, and the "sister" who takes the

and attempted to learn how many conis belogged in such a manner as to O'Rourke, O. P., chaplain. render it difficult to get at the matter Columbus and Cincinnati, the latter Pupils, 40. being an arch-diocese. I give the list of nunneries in the latter in full:

Convent of the Good Shepherd, Bank ters.

Convent of the Sisters of Notre Broadway, Cincinnati-Mother Julia, general supr. of the houses of the order in the U. S.; Sister M. Borgia, local

Convent of the Ladies of the Sacred two choir religious and 14 lay sisters.

supr. Professed sisters in the diocese. 94; novices 18; postulants, 38.

Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, W.

Poor, Montgomery road, Cincinnati-Sister Joseph of Maxellande, supr.; 15

Esther, supr., 13 sisters.

Joseph, Hamilton Co., O.)-Mother Mary Blanche, supr.; Sister Basilia, assistant; Sister Mary Florence, treas.; Sister Ambrose, procuratrix. Sisters in the diocese, 293; outside, 179; total, 472. At St. Joseph's mother-house, novitiate and training-school, near

Provincial Monastery of the Good Shepherd, Carthage, Hamilton Co., O. -Mother M. of St. Joseph David, supr. Thirty-six professed religious, 6 novices, 4 postulants, 1 outdoor sister.

Maria Stein Convent, Maria Stein, Mercer Co.-Mother-house of the Sis-Ludovica Scharf, supr.; Sister Corona, assistant. Thirty sisters, 10 novices, 30 postulants. Number of sisters in the diocese, 390; outside, 126; total, 516.

BRANCH HOUSES OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

Convent of the Visitation, Minster, Auglaize Co.-Sister M. Gottliebe, supr. Fifty-five sisters, 10 novices, 4 postulants. Pupils, 324.

Convent of Mary, Gruenwald (Casselia P. O.), Mercer Co.-Sitter M. Harlina, supr. Sisters, 35.

Convent of the Assumption, Carthagens, Mercer Co.-Sister M. Euphemia. supr. Sisters, 23.

Convent of Mary's Flight into Egypt (Minster P. O.), Auglaize Co.-Sister M. Raphael, supr. Sisters, 40.

Himmelgarten (St. Henry P. O.), Mercer Co.-Sister M. Cordula, supr. Sisters, 40.

The Sisters of the Precious Blood have also Mission-Houses at Botkins, Celins, Ft. Recovery, Russia, Troy, Versailles and Wapakoneta.

are sisters of all appellation, 1,894, or an average of 118 sisters to each. The

Convent of the Sisters of the Good dusky sts., Columbus-Mother Theresa, supr. Twenty-five sisters, 29 Magda-

Convent of Sisters of Notre Dame, Rich st . Columbus-31 Sisters, teaching in Holy Cross and St. Patrick's schools, and conducting St. Joseph's Academy. Pupils, 120. Sister Mary Liguori, supr.

Convent of Sisters of St. Francis, New Lexington-Mother Gonzaga, supr. Sisters, 24; pupils, 40.

To these must be added the strange conglomerations of school and convent which feed the nunneries with their victims. Of these the most conspicuous

St. Joseph's Academy, Columbus-Conducted by Sisters of Notre Dame.

St. Mary's of the Springs Academy, vell is as dead as though buried in the one mile from the city of Columbus open to the public, one without closed (Sheperd P. O.) Franklin Co., O .- Sis-When this subject came up legisla- ters of St. Dominic. Mother Vincentively, I referred to Saddler's Catholic tia, supr. Sisters, 25; pupils, 80. Sis-Directory, published for the church, ters from this house teach the pa- are outside of its laws as much as Monday night. The jail at Victor rochial schools of Zanesville, Stenben- though the ocean interposed, and never vents there are in Ohio. Although the ville, Newark, Lancaster, Somerset, St. name of each convent is given with Lawrence, Ironton, and of Vincent Fergreat clearness, the number of sisters rer, New York City. Rev. R. P.

St. Alaysius' Academy, New Lexingwith exactness. The state is divided ton-Sisters of St. Francis. Twentyinto three dioceses, that of Cleveland, four sisters. Mother Gonzaga, supr

In the diocese of Cleveland there are eighteen convents, but the number of are in a position to demand recognition sisters, for some reason rest known to from the political leaders of the state. st., Cincinnati-Mother Mary of St. the priests, is not stated. It is to be The two great political parties are on Joseph, provincial supr. Twenty-nine presumed that the average is as high the eve of a great struggle; the Demoprofessed sisters and 6 outdoor sisters, as that of Cincinnati-118. That would crats are making their last stand Dependant house, Convent of the Good give 2,127 sisters. The convents of Co- against threatened Republican suprem-77 Baum st., Cincinnati, O .- Mother academies 74 more; while in the state M. Gertrude, supr. Ten professed sis- there are 4,515 sisters of all degrees, fresh pupil, enticed by alluring words Dame, Sixth st., bet. Sycamore and and hypnotized by the priests, passing can ranks. The fight is going to be a should possess. the threshold as novices, as flys walk into the den of the hungry spider.

Such is a full and complete statement supr. There are in the diocese of Cin- of the facts. What an awful picture it cinnati 291 sisters, distributed as fol- presents here in one of the greatest be decided without much hesitancy. lows: Fifty-eight at Reading, 13 at states of the union, originally settled Are we going to use our power, or are Hamilton, 30 at Dayton, and in Cincin- by the offspring of New England Puri- we going to sit idly by and let a set of

How little the people know of the ex Heart, Clifton, Cincinnati, O .- Rev. | istence of the nunneries may be learned Mother Mary Garvey, supr. Twenty- for the asking. "How many convents are there in Northern Ohio?" I asked Convent of the Sisters of the Poor of of a prominent Congregational clergy-St. Francis, Third and Lytle sts., Cin- man. "I have heard that there are cinnati-Sister Desideria, provincial two or three," was the reply. He was astonished when the case was presented, and did not give credence until the Catholic Derectory itself was turned Fourth st., Cincinnati-Sister Mary to. There is no other institution in Baptist, supr. Sisters in the diocese, 59. the state that is free from state super-P. Johnson and Will D. Newton. A down the structure and cart away yet enable him to make a display of these cities the chief leaders in the tion because of their religious character. If they are such holy places, where nuns pass their time in prayer, Branch-house of the Little Sisters of there can be no harm in the fact being the Poor at Clifton Heights-Mother proven by investigation. Only because they are rotten with crime and perfidi-Sisters of Charity, St. Joseph's ous villainy, are their doors closed. Mother-house, Delhi, O (P. O. Mt. St. There are in the state 4,515 sisters, withdrawn from all the pleasures of life and sacrificed to the unholy selfishness of the prie thood. The walls of the convent are thick, the windows are heavily barred, the doors kept locked; there is a high wall around it. The heart of the mother superior is ice, and Delhi, novices are thoroughly in the visiting priests, capable of forgivstructed for teaching in parochial ing all sins, can commit none. The convent is a world within itself. It is ruled by its own laws, and the wail of despair and the cry of agony which go up from the lips of entrapped innocence, has no answer but the echo from the arched ceiling.

If there was an American unlawfully confined in a prison in farthest Europe ters of the Precious Blood. Mosher or Asia, he would be demanded by our government, and if not released, the whole strength of the nation would be called forth to enforce the order. To hold persons in confinement against whatsoever, for Henry L. Hertz is a from prospectors and others. It is their will is one of the most revolting of crimes and is severely punished. Yet, in the state of Ohio, 4,515 sisters are held in duress more exacting and in closer confinement than are the inmates of the penitentiary, and not a word of censure comes from the press, of guilt, and you may rest assured he water now has about forty buildings, which is ready to uphold the taking of the veil, when the deluded victims have reached that awful sacrifice.

How many of these 4,515 sisters are held against their will? Who can know, as they are not allowed to come in contact with the outside world? When visited by friends, whom they are allowed to see at rare intervals, Convent of Mary, Mother of Mercy, they meet on opposite sides of a grate, in the presence of the superior, and should they utter a word of censure, or desire to escape, the most horrible penances would be imposed. To kneel on the cold stone floor until the knees become ulcerated, to lick the dirt from the floor of the hall, to be deprived of the southern states. Don't forget the tickets in the field, the American, next evil is a mixed, disorderly and re-In these sixteen institutions there food or water, are among the least in- dates, April 7th, and 21st, also May flictions.

So contrary to nature is it for a young phlets, books, etc., call on your nearest diocese of Columbus, comprising the person to renounce the pleasures and agent or company's office, northeast central portion of the state, has the allurements of life, that it is the present corner Thirteenth and Farnam, or depot, Fifteenth and Webster streets, sumption that nearly all the inmates Convent of the Dominican Sisters have been deceived, and were held by J. O. PHILLIPPI, (Shepard P. O.), Franklin Co., O .- compulsion until so changed by their

Mother Vincentia, supr. Sisters in surroundings that they lose the desire community, 120; Sisters at Mother- to escape. That any one can become so subjected and dominated as to cease desiring to live a natural, true life, Shepherd, West Side, Broad and San- ought to be sufficient for the condemnation of the system to eternal infamy.

lens, 70 penitents, 74 preservation chil- be allowed to express themselves, and the convents.

and is rapidly increasing, but if those who desire are allowed to return to the torture they would relate will bar the Twenty five sisters, 120 pupils. Sisters institutions are un-American, and confrom public gaze. Within their thick from this house teach the parochial trary to the spirit of our laws. They or convents in the United States which ization. HUDSON TUTTLE.

OPEN LETTER TO ILLINOIS A. P. A. Its State Officers Accused With Dictat-

FRIENDS-We have reached a period in the life of our organization when we among themselves for the nominations close one; neither party is sure of victory. The balance of power is in the hands of the A. P. A. The question before us is a simple one and ought to corrupt officials prostitute the organization that we are members of? I know this is a serious charge to make against our state officers and yet I onference was held in the office of C.

the placing of Mr. Kinnie on the state the worthy and patriotic pastor? ticket, as he was too well-known as an

A. P. A. That Henry L. Hertz had demanded of Mr. Johnson the withdrawsl of Mr. Kinnie as a candidate for the office of state auditor.

That Mr. Johnson had refused to have Mr. Kinnie withdraw and would not support Hertz if he did not drop

the fight on Kinnie. Now, friends, I would like to know if the benefit of Chas. P. Kinnie or for the good of the order. I ask by what right Clarence P. Johnson either re-I ask by what right he has a conference of fixing up a slate in the interest of any one man? Clarence P. Johnson in charge. any one man? Clarence P. Johnson in charge.

The new mining camp of Freshwater with Henry L. Hertz on any pretext is attracting considerable attention is attracting considerable attention.

The new mining camp of Freshwater tions of tariff or currency, it is whether it is true, but all fairly well. Some the quality of our citizenship is endantial to the proficiency, it is true, but all fairly well. Some the quality of our citizenship is endantial to the proficiency, it is true, but all fairly well. Some the quality of our citizenship is endantial to the proficiency, it is true, but all fairly well. Some the quality of our citizenship is endantial to the proficiency, it is true, but all fairly well. Some the quality of our citizenship is endantial to the proficiency, it is true, but all fairly well. Some the quality of our citizenship is endantial to the proficiency with the profice with the proficiency with the profice w Romanist and will make no deals in located about twelve miles southeast ter of immigration sto the United eigners read and write at their port of any way prejudicial to the interest of of Howbert, a station on the Midland, States. To determine this question inthe Roman Catholic church. You lifty-seven miles west of Colorado telligently, we must look into the his- lation, or to our halls of legislation may not believe these charges, friends, Springs. A good road leads from but silence on the part of Clarence P. Howbert to the camp, and a stage line Johnson will be an acknowledgement is soon to be put on the road. Freshwill maintain a discreet silence. and several stores and a second livery Should he care to probe into these stable are now in progress of construccharges, I will be pleased to publish an tion. autograph letter from Dr. T. N. Jamieson that will conclusively establish the relation now existing between Mr. Johnson and the Republican machine. I ask you, friends, simply to read and DAISY G. MACK. think.

HOME-SEEKERS EXCURSIONS.

Via. Missouri Pacific Railway. Very low rates for the round-trip to points in Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, 5th. For full particulars, land pam-Omaha, Neb. Thos. F. Godfrey, J. O. Phillippi, P. and T. A. A. G. F. and P. A.

Whether they do or not, they should the iron door should be open for those who wish to go. A committee should be appointed, with highest power, to visit every convent twice each year, with the right to make thorough examination and converse with the inmates without surveillance. This committee should a'so have the power to give freedom to such as desire to leave

The evil has grown up unobserved world, the stories of abuse, insult and way for those who become infatuated with the allurements of the convent life as pictured by the priests. Such are in conflict with the spirit of the he hates Roman Catholicism and age. An American institution is one Roman Catholics, but by the intensity doors, hiding secrets which should not liberty and freedom. exist. That there are 1,400 nunneries investigated, is a disgrace to our civil- the prisoners, twenty-one of the men

ing in Politics. conquest of Great Britain. Shepherd, Mt. Immaculate Conception, lumbus apparently contain 423, and the acy; the Republicans are fighting Mayor Hugh R. Steele was chosen to which seem certain of election. By its has so creditably filled during the past ters, 2 lay sisters and 10 outdoor sis- from those who have taken the veil and own greediness the Republican party year. As mayor of the city he has deare suffering a living burial, to the is opening the only way to success for veloped a well defined backbone-somethe Democrats-a split in the Republi- thing which every executive officer

> man. make it. The charge is susceptible of WE are informed, on trustworthy proof: I give you herewith the facts authority, that the Larry Maroney

for example, as the Cripple Creek Bap-

HERE AND THERE.

distance of ten miles, to a new townsite eral and the site is near excellent minwe elected Clarence P. Johnson for behind the new enterprise, and will \$60,000. Surveyors are to take the field in a few days.

ganization on account of any one man. Typographical Union No. 275, held at The first annual ball of the Victor Armory hall on Monday evening, was with Henry L. Hertz for the purpose a grand success, and redowns to the gredit of the members having the affair

The Florence and Cripple Creek man's Relief Corps.

average majority of from 40 to 65.

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CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO., NEWS.

GEORGE S. IRWIN, one of our friends. who has just recovered from an illness, makes an ideal president of Cripple Creek Typographical Union No. 227.

AN American's patriotism is not measured by the intensity with which with which he loves the principles of

SEVENTY-TWO persons were arrested for illegal registration at Victor on being inadequate to accommodate all were brought to Cripple Creek and confined in the city bastile. All these men are alleged Populists.

THE Duke of Norfolk will shortly be a recipient of a fine portrait of Pope Leo XIII. The picture was painted by ticket in the field against the faction population by intelligent and educated an Italian artist. The duke is one of of the Independents', Peoples' and Americans. The irredeemable-greenthe most prominent and wealthy of the Citizens' tickets. Peace prevailed and | back movement and the silver movewarm advocate of the projected papal straight Republican victory.

THERE being only one mayoralty ticket in the field at Cripple Creek, fill for another term the office which he

CAPTAIN GEORGE O. NEVINS, the Chesterfield of Cripple Creek Americans, is polite, urbane, kind and considerate to those with whom he comes in contact. He finds it unnecessary to use profane expletives, and he is a man whose personal habits are above reproach. The captain is a gallant, genial, gracious and generous gentle-

The Florence and Cripple Creek Raiload Company is contemplating building a branch line from Victor, a called Wilmington, near Nipple mountain. The new camp abounds in mineral springs. Denver capitalists are build a large brick hotel there costing

Railroad will sell tickets to Denver April 21st and 22d, at one fare for the round trip—\$5.75—limit to return April 21st and 22d, at one fare for the round trip—\$5.75—limit to return April 22st on account of the meeting of the second to; what degree, it is rementation as Mr. Lodge's over for-Railroad will sell tickets to Denver 27th, on account of the meeting of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and Wous. What are those evils? They are, to find some mechanical substitute for

A. P. A. Wins at Anaconda.

A more orderly election was never held than that which took place yester. stability. We care not whether it be a battle. The total vote was 549 and the gression, and the conversion into a many illiterate foreigners as we now have could not be witnessed without

Following is the official counts of the peaceful, trading, manufacturing and judges: For mayor, Henry Dahl, 264; Thomas

Waddleton, 226. Dahl's majority, 38. foreign immigration, large as it is, For trustees, American ticket: H. B. Allen, 305; J. M. Stutsman, 297; The states which contain most foreign-Thomas Montgomery, 285. Citizens' born citizens, as we have often pointed ticket: Thomas Kenney, 243; J. D. out in these columns, have been sound-Williams, 243; James C. Chamberlain, est on the currency question-much

supported Mr. H. P. Dahl for mayor of ment of the tariff, which is really our Anaconda, because it believed him to American system of taxation, during be the best man for the place. We the past thirty years the foreign popupredict that he will never betray any lation has exerted no influence, or next confidence which may be reposed in to none. It has been almost exclu-

Election at Gillett.

dates appeared on more than one to sudden and violent changes in it, ticket, it virtually put the Republican have been spread among the foreign English Roman Catholics, and is a quiet work was done, resulting in a ment, with all their absurdities, are of

Following is the judges' result: Total vote 239:

For mayor, A. S. Perrier, 126 votes For trustees, S. B. Collins, 156; F. 138; J. W. Yeaman, 129.

above all other tickets.

The successful candidate for mayor, self openly during the campaign as the class, who have not clearer conceptions A. P. A. candidate.

Foreign Immigration.

Mr. Lodge has been one of the prime movers in the troubles from which the country now suffers. He began a year the foreign immigrant has been most ago, or more, to create the perturbation potent is city government. But the in our foreign relations which, during only city in the Union in which this the last few months, has been so disas- has been visible, palpable, and overtrous to business, and has done so much | whelming, is New York. The governon which this charge is based, and you Lumber Company furnished, free of to turn public attention away from our ment of New York has been undeniably may judge for yourselves on how good charge, the lumber and labor to con-domestic difficulties. He has always, Irish, and we admit shockingly bad. a foundation it rests. On the struct a building in which the Catho- however, reserved for himself a little But, alas, the government of the other Saturday prior to the Republican love lic Sisters of Charity could hold a fair shelter in the shape of something of cities, Philadelphia for example, feast, at Springfield, Chas. J. Kinnie two weeks, for the benefit of their comparatively small consequence, which is in native hands, is just as had was in Chicago to keep an appoint- order. The lumber company will, at which would not seriously faffect his and some say worse. So is that of St. ment with the state officials, Clarence its own expense, it is alleged, also tear own character as a demagogue, and Louis, Chicago and Cincinnati. In all the lumber at the close of the fair. interest in our domestic affairs. One Tupper Beatty in the Association What American lumber company of these is civil-service reform. An. cans by birth, and as a general rule it building, and the following facts were would perform a like deed for a Protestother is copyright. Neither, of them is Americans who have taught the forstated by the state officers to Mr. Kin- tant interest-for such an organization, seriously attract public attention, or is eigners the tricks of the trade. As to likely to damage him or lessen his in- foreign illiteracy, to which Mr. Lodge That Henry L. Hertz was opposed to tist church, of which Rev. Mr. Kirk is fluence with the class which he most attaches so much importance, we affirm cultivates. Whenever one resents his that it has not done us a hundredth attacks on the currency, or this tariff part of the mischief wrought by native madness, or his military propagandism literacy. Mr. Lodge himself, for inall of which are likely to affect ser- stance, was taught to read and write iously the character of the nation, the when he was a child, and has, in maanswer always is to see how faithful he turer years, had the best educational is to civil-service reform and what a sdvantages the country affords. But. good friend to international copyright. in spite of this, a very large proportion of the educated and thinking men of To these political sentry-boxes he has the country look on him as a citizen now added hostility to illiterate immi- who does more damage to the nation gration, which he says is "a subject of than a hundred thousand, or, we might

> "The injury of unrestricted immigratory of our race."

We do not need to look into the "hisof this matter. The history of our its main supporters? own country is renough. Every one tended to be, and has been until'now, a concern?-New York Nation, March ?

agricultural republic.

Now, to which of these evils has the ignorant as it is, contributed anything? sounder than Mr. Lodge or any of his THE AMERICAN has from the first leading companions. On the managesively in the hands of American manufacturers and their American congressional allies. Any falsehoods or delus-There were four tickets in the field ions which have helped to maintain it at Gillett, but as many of the candl- at an extravagant height, or have led purely native origin, and are most deeply rooted to-day in the states which have received the least foreign immigration. The present prevailing desire, of which Senator Lodge has been Harper, 145; E. A. Brindage, 137; himself a chief promoter, to get up a dis-Charles M. Cranson, 114; E. D. Sloan, pute with foreign nations which would entail enormous expense, and, if per-The lowest vote of the above parties, sisted in, seriously change the characall of whom were elected, was twenty ter of our government, is absolutely native-American in its origin and maintenance. There are very few for-Judge A. S. Perrier, announced him- eign immigrants, even of the present of international merality and of the convenances of international intercourse

than such men as Morgan and Vest,

for example.

The matter on which the influence of work of corruption have been Amerithe greatest magnitude and of the most far-reaching importance:"
say, a half-million, ignorant Europeans.
At no period in the history of the country has so much damage been done to our government as within the last tion to American' wages and American ten years by the congresses which we have been in the habit of calling standards of living is sufficiently plain "brutish." They have exhibited igthe quality of our citizenship is far islator to be acquainted, trade, comworse. That which it concerns us to merce, industry, finance, currency, forknow, and that which is more vital to eign relations—and yet every member us as a people than all possible quesgered by the present course and char- So it is quite plain that making for-

Take again the boss system, which is so rapidly changing the character We do not need to look into the "his-tory of our race" to get at the bottom vised it? Who carry it on? Who are Why, the nativeborn country voters of New York and must regret ignorant simmigration.

Pennsylvania, just as much as the Irish laborers and liquor-dealers of New York city or Philadelphia. It is the quality of our citizenship, and that not Paddy or Hans who is seen hurrysponsible for the evils which now afflict eign illiteracy, and of a great deal of first, a tariff which, high or low, it character, something which will disseems impossible to settle in any manner which will not make it a constant est and true and upright, and loving menace and disturbance to business one's country in other ways than showing readiness to fight foreigners about matters which do not concern us. Does Texas, in fact to nearly all points in day at Anaconda. There were two high or low or middling stariff. Our any one suppose for one moment that if headed by Henry Dahl, and the Citi- dundant currency, the various denomi- Albany to day were a sincere desire to mark the fervor, there was a most mark the fervor of the fervor earnest pull on both sides to win the spread popular passion for foreign ag- terms were understood by its founders, the existence among us of five times as