

BEHIND STONE WALLS.

Let the Search-Light of Reason 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.

When this subject came up legislatively, I referred to Sadder's Catholic Directory, published for the church, and attempted to learn how many convents there are in Ohio.

Convent of the Good Shepherd, Bank st., Cincinnati—Mother Mary of St. Joseph, provincial sup.

Convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame, Sixth st., bet. Sycamore and Broadway, Cincinnati—Mother Julia, general sup.

Convent of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, Clifton, Cincinnati, O.—Rev. Mother Mary Garvey, sup.

Convent of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, Third and Lytle sts., Cincinnati—Sister Desideria, provincial sup.

Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, W. Fourth st., Cincinnati—Sister Mary Baptist, sup.

Branch-house of the Little Sisters of the Poor at Clifton Heights—Mother Esther, sup., 13 sisters.

Sisters of Charity, St. Joseph's Mother-house, Delhi, O. (P. O. Mt. St. Joseph, Hamilton Co., O.)—Mother Mary Blanche, sup.

Convent of the Visitation, Minster, Auglaize Co.—Sister M. Gottlieb, sup.

Convent of Mary, Gruenwald (Cassella P. O.), Mercer Co.—Sister M. Harlina, sup.

Convent of the Assumption, Carthage, Mercer Co.—Sister M. Euphemia, sup.

Convent of Mary's Flight into Egypt (Minster P. O.), Auglaize Co.—Sister M. Raphael, sup.

Convent of Mary, Mother of Mercy, Himmelfahrt (St. Henry P. O.), Mercer Co.—Sister M. Cordula, sup.

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

In these sixteen institutions there are sisters of all appellations, 1,894, or an average of 118 sisters to each.

Convent of the Dominican Sisters (Shepard P. O.), Franklin Co., O.—

Mother Vincentia, sup. Sisters in community, 120; Sisters at Mother-house, 50.

Convent of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, West Side, Broad and Sandusky sts., Columbus—Mother Theresa, sup.

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.

Convent of Sisters of St. Francis, New Lexington—Mother Gonzaga, sup.

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

St. Joseph's Academy, Columbus—Conducted by Sisters of Notre Dame. Twenty-five sisters, 120 pupils.

St. Mary's of the Springs Academy, one mile from the city of Columbus (Shepherd P. O.) Franklin Co., O.—Sisters of St. Dominic.

St. Alayus Academy, New Lexington—Sisters of St. Francis. Twenty-four sisters. Mother Gonzaga, sup.

In the diocese of Cleveland there are eighteen convents, but the number of sisters, for some reason best known to the priests, is not stated.

Such is a full and complete statement of the facts. What an awful picture it presents here in one of the greatest states of the union, originally settled by the offspring of New England Puritans.

How little the people know of the existence of the nunneries may be learned for the asking. "How many convents are there in Northern Ohio?" I asked of a prominent Congregational clergyman.

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surroundings that they lose the desire to escape. That any one can become so subjected and dominated as to cease desiring to live a natural, true life, ought to be sufficient for the condemnation of the system to eternal infamy.

Whether they do or not, they should be allowed to express themselves, and the iron door should be open for those who wish to go.

The evil has grown up unobserved and is rapidly increasing, but if those who desire are allowed to return to the world, the stories of abuse, insult and torture they would relate will bar the way for those who become infatuated with the allurements of the convent life as pictured by the priests.

OPEN LETTER TO ILLINOIS A. P. A.

Its State Officers Accused With Dictating in Politics.

FRIENDS—We have reached a period in the life of our organization when we are in a position to demand recognition from the political leaders of the state.

That Henry L. Hertz was opposed to the placing of Mr. Kinzie on the state ticket, as he was too well-known as an A. P. A.

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Advertisement for Dr. Kay's Renovator, 150 Doses \$1.00. For Dyspepsia, Constipation, Liver & Kidneys. Sold by Druggists. SHERMAN & McCONNELL DRUG CO., 1513 Dodge Street, (2nd Door West of Postoffice), Omaha, Neb.

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 he hates Roman Catholicism and Roman Catholics, but by the intensity with which he loves the principles of liberty and freedom.

SEVENTY-TWO persons were arrested for illegal registration at Victor on Monday night. The jail at Victor being inadequate to accommodate all the prisoners, twenty-one of the men were brought to Cripple Creek and confined in the city hall.

THE Duke of Norfolk will shortly be a recipient of a fine portrait of Pope Leo XIII. The picture was painted by an Italian artist. The duke is one of the most prominent and wealthy of the English Roman Catholics, and is a warm advocate of the projected papal conquest of Great Britain.

THERE being only one majority ticket in the field at Cripple Creek, Mayor Hugh R. Steele was chosen to fill for another term the office which he has so creditably filled during the past year.

CAPTAIN GEORGE O. NEVINS, the Chesterfield of Cripple Creek Americans, is polite, urbane, kind and considerate to those with whom he comes in contact.

WE are informed, on trustworthy authority, that the Larry Maroney Lumber Company furnished, free of charge, the lumber and labor to construct a building in which the Catholic Sisters of Charity could hold a fair two weeks, for the benefit of their order.

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Following is the official count of the judges:

For mayor, Henry Dahl, 264; Thomas Waddleton, 226. Dahl's majority, 38. For trustees, American ticket: H. B. Allen, 305; J. M. Stuteman, 297; Thomas Montgomery, 285. Citizens' ticket: Thomas Kenney, 243; J. D. Williams, 243; James C. Chamberlain, 243.

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Election at Gillett.

There were four tickets in the field at Gillett, but as many of the candidates appeared on more than one ticket, it virtually put the Republican ticket in the field against the faction of the Independents, Peoples' and Citizens' tickets.

Foreign Immigration.

Mr. Lodge has been one of the prime movers in the troubles from which the country now suffers. He began a year ago, or more, to create the perturbation in our foreign relations which, during the last few months, has been so disastrous to business, and has done so much to turn public attention away from our domestic difficulties.

When he was a child, and has, in maturer years, had the best educational advantages the country affords. But, in spite of this, a very large proportion of the educated and thinking men of the country look on him as a citizen who does more damage to the nation than a hundred thousand, or we might say, a half-million, ignorant Europeans.

The injury of unrestricted immigration to American wages and American standards of living is sufficiently plain and is bad enough, but the danger which this immigration threatens to the quality of our citizenship is far worse.

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Now, to which of these evils has the foreign immigration, large as it is, ignorant as it is, contributed anything? The states which contain most foreign-born citizens, as we have often pointed out in these columns, have been sounder on the currency question—much sounder than Mr. Lodge or any of his leading companions.

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