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PURGATORY is the priests' Klondike.

ROME makes the least noise when she is working the hardest.

DON'T neglect to renew your subscription before January 1.

OUR chief magistrate, Wm. McKinley, is this week mourning the death of his mother.

If you are not a protesting American you don't deserve the liberties your forefathers bequeathed you.

A NICE Christmas present to send to your friend is a receipt for a year's subscription to THE AMERICAN.

THE size of a church building is not necessarily a true index to the Christian character of the congregation.

THERE has been more good sleighing in this state so far this winter than we usually have during the entire season.

OUR friends at Fremont had an opportunity of listening to Rev. Kostelo last Sunday, and they were well pleased with what they heard.

WHO is "the White Slave"? The girl who is kept in the Roman Catholic prison, the House of the Good Shepherd, against her will.

MONEY is Rome's only god. It is recorded that Christ drove the money changers from the temple. The people may have to emulate His example in that as well as other respects.

THE People's Atlas of the World is without doubt the cheapest and best atlas on the market today. We sell it for 50 cents. Nice book for a present to a child of school age. Only 50 cents.

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NUNS in the Roman church claim to be the brides of Christ. You can see through this bit of sophistry if you will just remember that the church claims that the priest takes the place of Christ—is his representative.

SOME people regard all national bankers as enemies of the republic. As a rule such believers would have less to lose through a realization of their charges than any man who does business with those much abused individuals.

OUR heart is filled with sorrow for our fellow-worker, Rev. James A. O'Connor, of New York, whose heart is heavy with grief because of the unexpected death of his only child. The boy was playing in front of Christ's Mission when he was run over by a heavy truck, receiving injuries from which he died.

THERE is going to be a hot time in Kansas City before the 15th day of next April. Rome is organizing her forces into Aurora Democratic clubs. The patriotic American Democrat should go in with them, remembering always that they are Americans first and Democrats afterward. Every American should make himself felt as an active factor in his party.

THE Roman Catholic church teaches that ALL Protestant wives are concubines and ALL Protestant children are illegitimates. That includes you and yours. If a gross, pot-bellied, fornicating priest has not had carnal knowledge of a woman she is not considered respectable by that high authority on morals which furnishes more than fifty per cent of the criminals, paupers, and prostitutes to the country. Yet it brazenly brands Protestant wives and their children as immoral and incapable of inheriting.

SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

The Board of Education of this city is respectfully informed that there is at least one book in the public schools to which objection has been entered at this office by a parent who takes sufficient interest in the education of his children to examine thoroughly and critically the books that are furnished them by the school board.

We secured a copy of "Stories of Other Lands," the work complained of, and read it carefully. It certainly has some very objectionable features. It seems almost an advertisement for the church of Rome.

The first story is about Spain, and the first two sentences are: "The letter of Columbus to the Spanish monarchs, announcing his discovery, had produced the greatest sensation at court. The event it communicated was considered the most extraordinary of their prosperous reign, and, following upon the conquest of Granada, was pronounced a signal mark of Divine favor for that triumph achieved in the name of the true faith." Not a few Protestants will object to such unqualified reference to "the true faith." It would not be objectionable if the sentence had been rendered, "achieved in the name of what they believed to be the true faith."

In paragraph five the discovery "was looked upon as a vast and signal dispensation of Providence in reward for the piety of the monarchs." The piety consisted in murdering with rack, with thumb-screw, with sword, with fire and with all the hellish appliances of the Roman Catholic inquisition hundreds of thousands of Protestants; but the book does not mention that fact.

In the closing sentence reference is again made to "the true faith," which reeked with the best blood of the nation.

In the eighth and last paragraph of the first story the anthem "Te Deum Laudamus" is incidentally mentioned to the scholar.

The second story is headed "Ferdinand Megellan." It, too, is Romanized to a certain extent. Besides, it is poorly written. It contains a number of errors, typographical and grammatical, and is a disgrace to any publishing house, from a mechanical point of view.

Besides these two there are a number of others against which objection could be lodged because of their frequent and favorable reference to things and objects and institutions that are thoroughly Romanish.

There is a story of a priest, one that makes him almost as pure of heart and almost as good as Christ. There is another telling about Michel Angelo and the pope; another of Pizarro and the priests in the lands of the Incas; another of Joan of Arc, whom the pope is about to canonize as a saint. To this last we would not object, for she was steadfast and died outside the pale of the Roman church.

It is not through any fear of the influence this book will have upon our children that we suggest its withdrawal, but on behalf of the thousands of children who will read it who do not and may never have the same care manifested in their education.

CHARLES T. BEATTY, at one time supreme secretary of the A. P. A., was sentenced to fifteen months in the eastern penitentiary of Pennsylvania last Tuesday for passing a forged check on the Hide and Leather Bank of New York. We do not usually experience any feeling of pleasure when it is announced that some criminal has been sentenced for his crimes, but in this instance we are glad to know that the law has been adequate and that Beatty will suffer some for his many misdeeds. A man who will assume the obligations and then systematically rob and defraud not only the members but also the association which honored him by an election to its second most important office, deserves a more severe penalty than an ordinary criminal. Beatty was not only a passer of forged checks but also an embezzler. We have known for several years that the miserable scoundrel had been accused and was on the point of being arrested for embezzling several thousand dollars of the funds of the American Colonization company when he disappeared, and the dispatches announcing his arrest, conviction and sentence was the first intimation that we have had that he was on American soil. He deserves more than he has received.

ROMANISTS are now claiming that the entire faculty of Notre Dame university are members of the G. A. R. As this item is being prepared we have before us the names and pictures of the entire post they refer to and but two of the eleven charter members are priests of the Roman church, one—Gen. Onsted—will not be ordained for two years and the other eight belong to a minor society called the Order of the Holy Cross. There are two things to marvel at in the organization of this post. The first is that not until October 5, 1897, did the church dignify (?) the G. A. R. by organizing an exclusively Roman Catholic post, to be used to advertise the loyalty and patriotism of the priests of Rome; the second is that it should take more than thirty-two years to find eleven veterans of the late war of sufficient intelligence to parade before the public as members of the faculty of

a school run by an alien corporation or ecclesiastical despotism as members of the G. A. R. at the same time. We think Rome would do well not to boast of this post of the Grand Army or our people may see other reasons for its organization and its exclusiveness than those they will advance.

It has been about two months since Archbishop Cleary of Kingston, Ont., placed an interdiction on Protestant marriages and funerals and reserved to himself the right to administer the sacrament to those who ignored the interdiction. The Roman papers hastened to assure the public that his example would not be followed by the clergy of this country. As if to emphasize the untruthfulness of the assurance, the same daily papers, that republished them, are now printing a dispatch from St. Joseph, Mo., stating that Bishop Burke of Kansas City, had excommunicated a number of Roman Catholics for attending the marriage of a daughter of a devout Roman Catholic in a Protestant church. At the time the Roman papers were deploring the narrowness of Archbishop Cleary we said Cleary was within the pale of his authority, and that he had simply stated the true position of the church in regard to marriage, and the bishop of Kansas City has confirmed our statements.

A LADY who was raised a Roman Catholic but who is now an ardent and conscientious worker in the cause of true Americanism informs us that she is so thoroughly convinced that the Roman priests are misleading their people for the purpose of destroying this government and erecting upon its ruins an oligarchy or a dictatorship, that she will help thwart them if she has to go hungry and in rags to do her share toward perpetuating our form of government. When we hear such sentiments as these from those who have come out of Rome we blush from shame for those alleged Protestants who cry out Orange, Masonic or A. P. A. bigotry when we oppose the insidious advance of Romanism into our affairs. It is not possible to arouse the sleeping Americans to a realization of the danger of their country?

YOU may be able to make some people believe that Romanism is growing more liberal, but we don't believe it is. One of our daughters who attends the Hanscom Park M. E. church and Sunday school, volunteered, as did a number of others, to sell tickets for the Old Men's Club concert. Monday she started out, and in the course of her rounds visited a house west of Park avenue. She told what her mission was and asked if they did not want to buy a ticket and the young fellow who answered the door bid ordered her off the premises, remarking that he had no use for that kind of a church. Our little one did not know the party but from the location of the house and what we can learn of its inhabitants we believe we are safe in saying the fellow was a Romanist.

ONE million dollars is to be expended by the Roman Catholic church in the erection of a magnificent cathedral in Newark, N. J. When we look about us and see the destitution and ignorance that is afflicting seven out of every ten Roman Catholic families, the unnecessary waste of such a vast sum appears to be almost a crime. But the Roman church has always taken great pride in two things in which she excels—the magnificence of her mass houses that have been built with the money begged from Protestants and stolen from hired girls and ignorant wives, and the ignorance of its communicants.

THE law governing the publication of the notices of applications for liquor licenses in the paper having the largest circulation is strictly unconstitutional. The legislature exceeded its authority when it told the merchant that he could not patronize the weak, that he must patronize the strong. There would be just as much justice in a law that would compel the same merchant to ship over a particular road because it had more miles than any other road. The newspaper monopoly is the meanest on earth and should not be either fostered or aided by legislative enactments.

OUR tried and true friend, Justin D. Fulton, says Rome has all but captured our national citadel; that Protestant ministers dare not tell the truth about Rome and her intrigues against our free institutions lest they lose their positions, and he says he is going to return to Washington and preach the truth there as he has preached it in Boston, trusting in God for funds to carry on the work. Every patriot in the country will wish him God-speed.

If YOUR priest wants you to put up money for praying the souls of your loved ones out of purgatory and into heaven ask him to show you a receipt from just one soul he has rescued from that alleged place of purgation. If he can't do that he is simply trying to rob you.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarella's Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

ROMANISM IN BOGOTA.

The Truthfulness of Canon Law as Printed by Us Weekly Verified.

"Highly Unlawful for Catholics to Co-Operate or Assist in Any Protestant Ceremony."

Romanism is the same today as in the days of the Inquisition, ready to tear the Bible from the people, excommunicate and persecute for evangelical life and faith, and oppose in every way the simple truth of the gospel. Witness the recent official and authentic

(CIRCULAR.) Archbishopric of Santefe de Bogota. Ecclesiastical Government. BOGOTA, May 6, 1895.

To the Priest of —:

As our divine Savior says, the enemy continually invades the Father's inheritance, and, laughing at the vigilance of the good, sows tares amongst the wheat. Such is the case in countries, like ours, where through divine favor, and, thanks to the zeal of our superiors, the only true, the apostolic Roman Catholic religion prevails. The proselyting Protestant sects endeavor to induce the faithful to apostatize from the faith professed by them at baptism. This we have witnessed during the past few years, principally in this city, and elsewhere in the republic.

One of the numerous Protestant sects—the Presbyterians—who agree among themselves only to make war upon Catholicism, have for some time been among us, supporting missionaries and propagating their false doctrines. Early a church was built in which to celebrate their heretical worship. Later these missionaries undertake the task of collecting proselytes by sowing the evil seeds of heresy among them.

To accomplish this, a college and school for girls were established, where, it is well known, are gathered not a few children of poor parents. These they flatter by gifts and promises of pecuniary help. Next comes the establishment of a college and school for boys, and recently a night school was opened for workmen, in which, according to their lately circulated prospectus, they also offer to give, besides the primary instruction, that of religion, which is none other than the Protestant.

It pains us to see that some fathers and mothers—some unintentionally, others perverted—have sacrificed their consciences and the faith of their families, and, perhaps for small assistance, placed themselves and their children on the road to eternal destruction. We would be guilty of a grave neglect of duty if we did not earnestly call the attention of the clergy and faithful to these evils which we have noted. Under a pretense of offering instruction, which is justly desired by all, it is not possible to permit them to snatch away, principally from the poor, the inestimable gift of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy church.

The present heretical propagation of the Protestant faith by means of tracts, leaflets and periodicals, in which, under a cloak of pretending virtue and false piety, they endeavor to gain the confidence of a simple and naturally believing people, in order to instill into their minds errors and heresies, which are not always easy to discover, and in the end to persuade them that they teach the true doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ; that this consists in believing; that faith and works do not go together; that it is enough to be sorry for sins and ask God's forgiveness in order to obtain justification; and therefore, the teaching of the Catholic Church is false upon these, faith and good works, the sacraments in general, especially upon the hold Eucharist, repentance and confession.

You, the priest, well understand how imperious is our duty to instruct the faithful who are under our pastoral care, of the dangers that threaten their souls, if they knowingly expose themselves to the reception of these miserable doctrines, clearly prohibited and anathematized by our holy mother church, and especially by the holy council of Trent. Therefore, we most earnestly exhort you by the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, to improve every occasion presented, in public and private, in the pulpit, the confessional and your social relations, to dissuade Catholics under your jurisdiction from receiving Protestant books and periodicals, or those of unbelievers, and from taking part in, or causing others to take part in, the establishments of education founded and sustained in this city or elsewhere by the Presbyterians or any other sect.

Therefore, in exercise of our authority, we decree that you persistently communicate and explain to the faithful the following points: 1. Apostates from the Christian faith incur the penalty of excommunication.

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tion, latea sententia, reserved especially to the Roman Pontiff, and with them, all heretics of whatever name or sect; and all who believe, harbor, aid or defend them; also schismatics, and all who obstinately depart from the obedience of the Roman Pontiff.

2. The same penalty is incurred by all who knowingly read, without the authority of the Holy See, books of the said apostates and heretics, where-in their heresy is defended, or books of authors which are expressly forbidden, also those who keep, print, or in any manner defend them.

3. No Catholic can, without committing mortal sin and incurring the penalties imposed by the church, send his sons, daughters, or those dependent upon them, or go himself to any establishment or school founded and known in this city by the name of "The American College for Boys and Girls," nor can he give aid or help to any like educational institutions.

The workmen, youth or adults who go or encourage others to attend the night school, which has been opened in the "American College for Boys," incur the same grave sin, and are under the same penalties.

5. It is highly unlawful for all Catholics to co-operate or assist in any Protestant ceremony, funeral, etc., performed in the church or out of it.

6. The faithful who receive, or have in their possession, tracts, leaflets, periodicals, such as the Evangelista Colombiano and El Progreso, of New York, Bibles, or books of whatever class printed within or without the Republic, which are distributed or sold by Protestant missionaries, or their agents, or any other bookseller, are positively obliged to deliver said books to their respective parish priests, or send them to the archbishopric.

You are to cause this circular to be read in all the churches for three consecutive Sundays at the time of mass, so that the faithful may fully know its contents.

God keep you. BERNARDO, Archbishop of Bogota.

The gentleman who translated this circular speaks in his letter, dated May 19, as follows:

"You will see by the inclosed circular how things are shaping themselves here in this country. That they mean to enforce the circular is evident from the following, which I learned yesterday from the gentleman himself: I had given him a few tracts, and afterwards, meeting him again, asked him how he liked the tracts. This opened the conversation, during which he told me that a priest, accompanied by a policeman, had entered his father's house, and had carried away not only his Bible, but several books in Latin, some of which were very old and much valued.

Since the close of the war the priests have been overbearing, and many acts of oppression have been inflicted upon the liberals by the government, which is really nothing more than a tool in the hands of the church. . . . The actions of the church are more and more overbearing each day. Today I notice that the police have been newly armed with Winchester rifles."—Herald and Presbyterian.

A Fragment From Florence.

For a really good society, two things are requisite—a high state of culture and the habitual reunion of the most cultivated through genial and intellectual sympathies. But as social distinctions, in part factitious, prevail even in republican countries, this fusion into unity under high influences is nowhere more than partially practicable. Gross and accidental advantages are still prized—and that even by the intellectual—above those that are inherent and refined. They who possess, watch them jealously. Instead of the salve, printed in large letters

on Goethe's threshold, they would like to inscribe on theirs, "No admittance to strangers;" that is, to those who haven't the same interests to guard. Against a partition of their power they in various ways protest; and now with the more emphasis, from a perception of the growing disregard of them. The land of promise, where men and things shall be valued at their just worth, is much too remote for its remoteness to be measured; and we can only discover that we are less far from it by a comparison of where we are with where we have been—a comparison which, if made broadly and with a free spirit, will, in other domains of life as well as in this, induce hopefulness and trust.

The second requisite, therefore, is found, from general causes, as little in Florence as elsewhere, and less than in the great capitals. As to the first, Florence has its creditable circle of men of letters, science, and art. But while with those to whom rank and affluence give opportunities of education, they are but slenderly connected, they are at the same time sundered from the masses; and the multitude cannot duly co-operate; their light scarcely pierces the blighting shade cast upon the people by the tangled brambles of priestly abuse. A community under Roman ecclesiastical domain cannot attain to the highest state of culture possible in its age. By the growth and diffusion of knowledge, through the long peace and the intercommunication among nations, the bonds of episcopal tyranny have been somewhat loosened in the Italian states. The body of the scientific and literary men have of course always lived in secret protest against this curse. But though they hate the tyrants and content their imposters, they cannot escape from them. The mind is stunted and thwarted in its wants and aspirations. Thought itself, free in the dungeon and on the rack, languishes where it has not free utterance by speech and pen. That under this long double load of political and religious despotism the Italians have still kept alive the sacred fire of knowledge; have, through the thickest atmosphere, shot up into the sky, high enough for all Europe to see them, lights, poetic and scientific, proves what deep sources of life, what elasticity and tenacity of nature there are in this oppressed people. Let those who for their abject state would despise them, think of this, and they will perhaps wonder that the Italians are not even more prostrate.—Written from Florence, Italy, in May, 1842, by George H. Calvert.

NOT ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD.

A fact often overlooked, or not always understood, is that women suffer as much from distressing kidney and bladder troubles as the men. The womb is situated back of and very close to the bladder, and for that reason any distress, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort.

The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided by setting urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need doctoring. If you have pain or dull aching in the back, pass water too frequently, or scanty supply, with smarting or burning—these are also convincing proofs of kidney trouble. If you have doctored without benefit, try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy. The mild and extraordinary effect will surprise you. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures. If you take a medicine you should take the best. At druggists, fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE AMERICAN and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietors of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.