

ALL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

About Romanists and Their Doings Past and Present.

A Historian Says Ignatius Loyola, Father of the Jesuits, Shivered at the First Approach of Death.

When the Roman Catholic church, at the council of Trent, or any other council, makes the doctrine that all the benefits of Christ are conferred by baptism, then she has gone off on a tangent. Let John Ireland, Corrigan and Martin think of these things and ponder them well.

When the Roman Catholic teachers of theology tell you that the concupiscence after baptism is not sin, but simply natural, tell him to go off and lay down and die. He needs it badly.

If there is anything that will cause A. P. A.'s in the Roman Catholic church, and Roman Catholics say there are more in the church than outside of it, it is caused by these doctrines, which, as a bubble, can be pricked by a child. And the funny part of the whole business is that men who want to give the world the impression that they are "brave" and not fools to be led around by the nose by personalities of like caliber, are willing to permit the world to see their position.

The council of Trent was eighteen years long, ending in 1563, and during this time the Roman heretic laid plans to destroy the Reformation, if possible. But before the close of the century the Protestants of Germany and other countries had religious freedom.

Rule or ruin is the practical outcome of the doctrines of popery. When Bohemia chose a Protestant ruler and endeavored to have freedom the powers of Rome reduced her from 3,000,000 to 780,000. "The end justifies the means" is practiced if they have not got it in their theology.

The Jesuits have little use for Augustine. Because of the writings of Cornelius Jansenius, bishop of Ipres, they not only show that they are semi-Pelagian, but they procure the judgment of the pope against the friends of Jansenius, who were banished, imprisoned, their property confiscated and they themselves persecuted in every way, as the Jesuits knew how to do. Because of the way the pope is snubbing the Roman Catholic clergy of the United States the Jesuits are unable to do very effective work here. And yet there is more to follow.

In 1669 the Jansenists got the signature of twenty French bishops on their side against the Jesuits' demands regarding the Augustinian doctrines, and the pope consented to the request. But in ten years the Jesuits overpowered them. And in this country, as in so many others, the pope is a weather vane, and always turns when the wind blows. In other words, he is a figurehead and dances to the tune of the most successful schemers.

Why do not some of the Roman Catholic clergy in the United States state what they think about some of the acts and doctrines the pope endorses, and do as the jansenists did in Holland, separate, and paddle their own canoe? We may imagine they desire to bask in the sunshine of the papal money schemes and laugh at the "out-of-date" religion than to get down and rustle. What they need is a leader, but they do not seem to have the man with the necessary pluck.

One thing which caused the Jesuits to hate the Jansenists is the fact they favored the laity studying the scriptures. There was a "rub." They knew that as soon as the people studied the scriptures their soft jobs would be changed to "You git!"

In 1709 the convent—Jansenist—at Port Royal was destroyed by order of Louis XIV., not because of immorality, but because this convent, which was for both sexes, was conducting things on better principles than the Roman brethren wanted it conducted. So the arm of the law was brought to bear upon them, and thereby let the pirate ship float on quietly.

The Jesuits were partially restored by Pius VII. And after this he issued a decree against bible societies. Was it the Jesuits that the bible societies troubled? This is what Octavian, a Jesuit, writes of Ignatius, the father of the order: "Our father Ignatius was holy, but at the approach of the least agony he shivered as in a fever, and exclaimed: 'I have done much good to the church of Rome, I have seen many provinces of our men, colleges, wealth, but all these things desert me now, and I know no whither to turn; I am expired in trembling.'" Let men fight against the work that Christ has done, give a false interpretation of it, and keep it from the common people and we may expect them to tremble.

In 1854 the immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary was proclaimed a

doctrine, and then, to make this an absolute certainty they make the pope infallible and then the doctrine of the mother of Jesus must be correct. A Roman Catholic will get on a ring and go about that ring and think he is going in a straight line to some place, and he has not mental acumen enough to see the difference.

Pius IX. favored the Jesuits, whether by compulsion or otherwise, is a question. But circumstantial evidences show that Leo wanted his own way and the Jesuit gets or gains—as you may call them—took the gentleman by the south ear and told him what he must do or they would do something, and Leo did something. The Knights of Persistence had all their privileges restored to them. And we might expect the Jesuits will down the other side of the house if Leo were to die. But all this time this Jesuit "stage play" is causing patriotic societies to be formed and gaining strength because of pig-headedness of the fathers of deception.

If the Reformation had continued with the power it had at the commencement it would have made the Roman Catholic ecclesiastics—the Jesuits as their secular managers—somewhat down-hearted. But there was a lack of unity among the workers as to methods and also in regard to doctrines, which had a tendency to weaken them as an opponent of Romanism. Let all those who are opposing this political and religious organization bear this in mind.

Before the Reformation there were some popes who had a "hard reputation," but when they were made the subject of discipline and criticism they changed so that no gross misconduct is reported of them. And in the United States, where the Roman Catholic clergy is brought in contact with Protestants, they are of a different stamp from those who are in Mexico and South America. At least they appear different. But if the pope had the United States in his paws what would be the necessity for these priests to act any better than those in other countries? Now the searchlight must not be turned away from them and their doctrines and morals must be taken into consideration.

Among other things which caused the Reformation to be less successful was the secularizing of the Sabbath, the substituting of philosophical dissertations for sermons and the neglect of missions, which is the life of the church. And while many oppose the principle, we may consider the plan of the people in this country who love freedom in thought and worship, help other nations which are slaves at the feet of Rome. Thus we will help others and stimulate activity at home against this slavholder over the consciences of men.

While people do not hear very much in regard to Zwingle, the Swiss reformer, he is admired now because of so many of the theologians of to-day endorsing his theological views. But we are sorry to see him in the war fighting against the enemies of the state, when he should have fought them by his pen and the press. And the enemies of Protestantism would be very glad if they could induce the Protestants to lay down their pens. It is the line after line written now that makes "Rome" tremble.

The best men often have the worst enemies. And considering the fact that Calvin formulated laws to separate the church, we may call him one of the first A. P. A.'s. But because of his anti-Roman views his life was not considered worth much by some. If he had had an A. P. A. organization behind him of a few millions the "lion paw" of Rome might have been as soft as velvet. But this "A. P. A." has sold books from his library to relieve persons who were in distress and had no money. Go to some of these velvet-capped Roman ecclesiastics and see what they will say to you when you are in need. A man stopped me on the street one evening and asked me for some assistance, and I thought the man was truly in need. I asked him what church he belonged to and he said the Roman Catholic. I asked him if he had seen the priest, and he said: "The priest will not do anything for me," and I gave him what assistance I could. And this is on the same line as the priest who arrested a man simply because he came to his sacred (?) residence and asked for assistance. But they cannot say things mean enough about Calvin, even while he was in danger of being put to death, through the work of Servitus, who may have been instigated by the Roman Catholics to do this work, the same as Booth was encouraged by the "Romans" to kill Lincoln.

When we see how many things which were done for the French and their present condition, we think of the miserable influence of Romanism. During the times of the Reformation the Psalms were translated into the French language by Marot and Theodore Besa. But often the persecuted Protestants would flee to Germany, and the best men of France have been compelled to flee because they wanted

freedom, and the nation has been compelled to suffer for it.

Besa made one true statement. When at a conference at Poisey, France, in 1561, which had been called by the king, a cardinal said in reference to the men who represented the reformed doctrines: "Here come the Geneva dogs," and Besa answered: "There is a need of faithful dogs in God's fold to bark at the ravening wolves." It is a wonder the cardinal did not send some of his dogs to "lay him out" for saying it.

The Roman Catholics at the conference in France, 1561, made the same statement that the Pharisees made concerning Christ. When Theodore Besa made a statement of the reformed doctrines the pope's gentry cried out, "Blasphemy!" And yet they make a man infallible and call him "another God on earth," etc. And the Roman Catholics do not know any more what blasphemy is than the Pharisees did. I. T. K.

The Inter Ocean Proves That News Is Suppressed.

For years the Citizen has been making the assertion that the Associated Press has been in the habit of suppressing news which is unfavorable to Rome, or which is not in the interest of certain corporations and individuals. One of the most ardent supporters of the Associated Press has been the Chicago Inter-Ocean; but now that this paper has had a falling out with the Associated, it tells family secrets in the following fashion:

"Persons who have not followed the recent course of the Associated Press can hardly comprehend the extent to which it has been debauched by Mr. Rice Water Lawson and his henchman, Melville E. Stone. We have known the Associated Press intimately for many years. We have known it to be a great news collector, whose arms were stretched out to gather in reports from all parts of the world, and lay them down, true and clear, in the offices of its patrons throughout the United States. We have valued it in the past as the most comprehensive and impartial news-gatherer that the old world or the new has seen, and we should value it today as highly as ever had it not been debauched repeatedly by the unscrupulous gang now controlling it. The leader of this gang is Mr. Rice Water Lawson; his henchman and accomplice is Melville E. Stone. To suit the personal and financial interests of these two men the news of this country has been misrepresented, mangled and suppressed. Made reckless and arrogant by the success of their high-handed methods in Chicago, they have assumed to sit in judgment on the subjects which the newspapers of this country should allow the great American public to consider. With malice in their hearts, falsehood in their minds, and venom on their tongues, they have arrogated to themselves a strict censorship of the press such as no officials of the czar would dream of assuming. They have not confined their activity to politics, as do the censors in despotic Russia, but have presumed to distort all or any news, when such a distortion subserved their business interests.

"A few sample instances will make this plain to our readers. Recently a sculptor in New York City sued Whitelaw Reid for several thousand dollars. He alleged that Mr. Reid had misappropriated money which had been given him in trust until used to erect the statue of Horace Greeley, which now stands in Greeley square. Here was a man who had been a candidate for the vice presidency of the United States and an ambassador to France, charged with misappropriation of funds by a respectable and responsible citizen, yet not a word about it was allowed to pass over the Associated Press wires. Whatever the result of the suit, every newspaper from Bangor to San Francisco would have printed the report of the trial on the first page. But the Associated Press was dumb. And why? Because Mr. Rice Water Lawson and his henchman wanted Mr. Reid's support in their scandalous handling of the news of this continent.

"Again, when Mr. Whitelaw Reid returned from his jubilee mission to England he had a rather interesting unpleasantness with Mr. John Sherman, Secretary of State. Mr. Reid violated diplomatic etiquette by inviting his chief to come to Ophir farm to receive his jubilee report. The consequence was a series of snubs given by Mr. Sherman which entertained New York city for a week. But in this case, too, the Associated Press was dumb. Mr. Rice Water Lawson and his henchman again decreed that the people of the United States should not get the news. Their reasons doubtless were the same as in the case regarding the Greeley statue fund."

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HUDSON TUTTLE.

He Writes An Interesting Letter About Spain and the Spaniards.

It is said that persecution stimulates rather than suppresses. This is true to a certain extent, but persecution may be carried to the extent of the destruction of the opposing element. The Reformation was an example. In most countries of Europe the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church. The intellectual awakening which pervaded the great mass of the people was not retarded by the repressive efforts of the Catholic power. A few good and great men were tortured, imprisoned or devoted to the flames, while there were countless others to carry forward the banner of freedom.

Especially true was this of the Germanic and Anglo-Saxon, who from remotest times were actuated by proud ideas of personal liberty and the right to think. On the other hand, the Celtic people, more superstitious, were given to place reliance in authority, yielded to the arrogance of their priests. Irish, French, Italian and Spanish were not drawn into the vortex of reform. France felt its current, but the dreadful persecution of the Huguenots, the massacres, auto da fes and the steady adhesion of the kings to the holy church checked the popular tide and held it until it broke forth in political instead of religious revolution.

Spain felt the full and crushing force of Catholic policy. Nowhere else on earth could the Holy Inquisition have found rest. That demonic institution was organized persecution, and having absolute control in Spain, proceeded to eradicate heresy by the means always cherished by the mother church. Every thinker was brought before the bloodthirsty tribunal. Every wealthy and prosperous citizen who exceeded his neighbors in thrift. Every one who surpassed in learning was suspected of treason and immured in a dungeon. The church hated freedom, hated wealth in other hands than her own; hated learning.

In the torture chamber of the Inquisition not only were strong men bound to the rack and their joints drawn asunder; delicate, high-bred women were ruthlessly disrobed by the brutal servitors, their bodies branded with red hot irons, their breasts torn by heated pincers or suspended by the arms or feet until insensibility shielded them from further pain. Children were burned and torn before their agonized mothers. No device of cruelty which fiendish ingenuity could invent that was not employed on these helpless victims.

There was no temporizing. The work was thoroughly done, and no seed left to trouble oftentimes. The ignorant, superstitious, perfidious, hypocritical remained to produce a nation exactly conforming to the idea of Romanism. If there is a pure and simple Roman Catholic country it is Spain. The best class of Spaniards have the gloss of chivalry, but the nation as a whole is the most illiterate of Europe. The priests are the source of information and power. The people are as wax in their hands. Not only are the people ignorant beyond belief in this enlightened age, their bigotry and intolerance are as surprising. None of the great reformers or agitators have disturbed them. Woman's rights, temperance, the new views of science, democracy, all alike are unknown and would not be comprehensible. A revolution means only a change of tyrants, for the government is in the hands of the church and cannot be other than the church dictates.

The most cruel, thoughtless, shiftless and impoverished people aside from savages, they persecute those who attempt to teach them humanity.

A physician related his experience recently in a London journal in benevolent work in Spain. He went to a Spanish city and began to practice medicine free of charge often furnishing food and medicine free. After a while he was so shocked by the constantly observed cruelty to animals, for in no part of the earth are they so cruelly treated, and the horrors of the bull fights, that he wrote a pamphlet against these abuses. For this he was hooted at and derided by his former friends and left the city in disgust for Madrid. When he arrived there he found that he was shadowed as an anarchist. All Free Masons or liberal thinkers are held as anarchists. Another physician attempted to start a secular school in a Spanish seaport. This awoke the wrath of the priests, and when he died, which he did mysteriously, they refused him burial.

A newspaper in Southern Spain made editorial comments on the sad condition of agricultural laborers, long hours of work, bad food and starvation wages, even the want of the decencies of life. He was brought before the governor, and although no one could dispute that he had not written every word the truth, he was bullied, threatened and barely escaped sentence. Such writing can do little harm, as the laboring class cannot read.

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Americans can know little of Spain, for unless they have personally seen they cannot comprehend the wretchedness and superstition that exists there. A well known writer says we know as little about that people as we do those of Mars, and then adds: "This very year at a bull fight hundreds broke into the ring and attacked one of the bulls with broken bottles, stones, clubs and knives, and these same people are docile worshippers of the priests. Assassinations are common; a mass is soon said and the affair forgotten. Not so if any gawdaw is stolen from the image of a saint. That provokes a prolonged howl of rage. No resident of Spain cares to tell the truth, for should his name be known his business would be ruined, and a gang of bigots soon have their knives in him."

Here is an object lesson. A nation brought by ages of Catholic rule to be exactly what that church desires. Roman Catholicism is the same in all countries, and had it been possible would have made Germany, England and all others exactly the same. She would, had she the power, make our own free nation a people like unto the Spanish, who are after her own heart.

Do you doubt that this is her desire and purpose? When has she ever changed? When ever relinquished an object?

Just as far as it is possible will Romanism bring this country to a level with her beloved Spain.

Her tremendous power is seen by the way she has prevented our government from interfering with the wholesale murder in Cuba, while the people constantly demanded action. In this crisis, where the liberty of a suffering people was at stake, we have seen that the power of Rome was stronger than the voice of the people, *Agoo of paxtojed eapmooe no pur the mandate of the pope.*

HUDSON TUTTLE.

Come After Orangemen.

The Romanists of Victoria, Australia, have formed a new "Victoria Defense League," for the special purpose of putting down Orange lodges in the colony by the strong arm of the law, and preventing any member of the order entering the public service even as a policeman! It is a secret organization, but some of its confidential documents have come into possession of the Orangemen, through whose means they were printed in the Melbourne Age. The new league proposes to ask all candidates for parliamentary honors the following questions: "1. Are you opposed to any person in the public service, and particularly in the police force, being a member of the Orange society? If yes, and elected, will you support a bill to attain this object? 2. Are you in favor of the appointment of a royal commission to inquire into the state of Orangemen in the public service? 3. Are you, if elected, prepared to support a bill to relieve all doubts concerning the illegality of members of the Loyal Orange Lodges marching in procession, wearing the regalia of their order?" The Orangemen of Australia are taking steps to defeat the schemes of the papists, and I have no doubt the Orangemen of England will take special interest in the contest. Should Rome succeed in putting down the Orange order in Victoria, she will next try to do the same thing in the United Kingdom.—English Churchman.

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