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BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Editor American: Dear Editor—Will you kindly continue my paper, and I will forward the money for the same the last of January. Don't feel as though I could get along without The American. Your exposure of Roman (priests) converts speaks the courage of the man. Every American should patronize your paper. Then what a patriotic sheet you could throw out to the world! Just read in one of our Buffalo papers about a Roman priest insulting our flag in Brooklyn, N. Y. The priests' followers are the first ones to comment when our flag is insulted on the high seas, but they never peep when a fatherly priest tramples it in the dust! Why should it not be right to shoot a miserable cur like that for treason? It would make an example for the rest of the counterfeit Americans. Yours in F. P. S. O. MAILED.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 1.—Gentlemen: Enclosed please find drafts for \$9.00 in payment of two renewals and seven new subscribers; all to come under wrapper to each subscriber. While I am writing will say that for the small outlay no investment has given me so much value received and as good satisfaction. Your fight to free the girl prisoners from the houses of Good Shepherds ought to meet a hearty response and practical encouragement in the way of a greatly enlarged subscription list. Am afraid, however, that that foul blot will never be wiped out until woman takes hold of it. It was a woman (Mrs. Harriet Beecher-Stowe) who aroused public sentiment against the inhuman institution of slavery. And not till woman raised her voice were we able to stamp the seal of doom on the Mormon curse, a question that Congress wrangled over, but evidently were afraid to touch. But when woman finally laid hold of it, it had to go. Therefore, I say, plead with women to reach into these institutions where those of her own sex are unlawfully imprisoned and bring them into the enjoyment of that liberty granted by our Constitution and which, we are so proud to boast about. Wishing you great success. Your truly, T. M. C.

PAOLA, Kans., Jan. 1.—Hope I am not too late with my renewal of subscription for the American. Have been very busy and cannot do without the paper. Please renew me for another year. VET. W.

DIXON, Ill., Dec. 31.—Editor American: Dear Sir and Friend—I will now enclose \$1 and renew my subscription to the dear old American. I cannot get along without your excellent paper. Yours truly, C. C. B.

ELLENBURG, Wash., Dec. 30.—Gentlemen: Please find enclosed \$4.00 for four subscriptions to The American. Yours in F. P. P., H. C. A.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Friends: I am very sorry I cannot send you a list of subscribers, but I found that those who had promised me had subscribed jointly with some one else. However, if they only take The American, it matters little who they subscribe with. I received the package of papers and sent to several clergymen and officers of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. We direct our efforts in this way to compel their notice of Rome's workings. The churches have been our worst enemies, remaining silent when we needed the most encouragement and advice in this reform, and why should they be afraid to offend, if they speak the truth. If they are opposed to Romanism and seek to hide the truth, by their silence, they are guilty of hypocrisy to a great extent, and we intend to call their attention by sending them papers and other material.

The enclosed clipping is worth repeating, I having cut it from an old Progressive Thinker, so I enclosed it. The American of December 24 is full of interesting reading and its columns or positions are read at our council meetings, and the time is fast approaching when Protestants must decide between Popery and Americanism.

Enclosed find amount for a year's subscription, \$1.00. I cannot go over to town for an order, but hope this



He may never have realized the importance of having that gun handy until he saw the creatures display their venom.

may reach you all correct. Yours for Loyalty and Liberty,

MRS. SARAH J. M.

APPLINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 25.—Gentlemen: I have been around town today to see what I could do for you in the way of subscriptions. I find it the same as our California friend reports, lots of good patriots, while it don't cost anything, but draw on their purse and "they ain't in it." They don't seem to realize that a few pennies now may save a good many drops of blood by and by. If every patriot would take some patriotic paper and after reading it would hand it to some friend that has not yet got to thinking, how much good his dollar would do in a year. Only a dollar apiece, but it would save our country. Friends, I will try to get along without a new coat this winter, but not without my American. I enclose money order for \$8.25 and list of names. Hoping to be able to get you a few more names. I am yours in F. P. P., A. E. H.

EASTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Dear Sirs: I am sorry to disappoint you, but I can't help it. I am disappointed myself for not being able to secure at least a few new subscribers, but, being in the holiday season, needing more money than usual for the holiday festivities, they plead poverty, and others think there is no cause for alarm, just because they don't know what's going on in the country. And, as regards President McKinley's actions, he is completely Romanized; he will never get my vote any more, if he does aspire for the second term. I am glad that Rev. Johnston stirred the President up on the Jesuit question. It's the best thing that could happen. It's deplorable that so many people do not take any interest in this all-important matter of preserving our institutions. They will let the master go by default. I hereby enclose \$2 money order for two subscriptions to January 1, 1898, for myself and a friend. Address papers as heretofore. I would not like to be without this paper. I would state that my friend was a Roman Catholic at one time, but he is now bitterly opposed to them. He is more severe on the Roman doctrine, and its prelates or teachers than any one that I know, and he has a brother and several sisters in the Roman faith. Very truly yours, W. H. R.

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 28.—Dear Sirs and Friends: Please find enclosed postage order for \$5 for five subscriptions to your paper. I will write again soon. Hoping you will have a prosperous year, I remain, your friend, J. G.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Dear Sir: Your letter dated December 1 came to hand some time ago. I intended to answer long before this, but we were short of money. Yes, I am just as strong an American as I have been this long time. I intended to send you more names last winter, but it seemed like I could not spare the money. My father is dead, so mother and I have a hard time to get along. How I would like to join in and tear down all the convents and let those poor girls go free. You ought to have been here and heard one of our boarders and I quarrel over Catholicism. He was not a Catholic, but he could tell of lots of good qualities the Catholics had; but I could find as many mean qualities as he could good ones and we had it red hot. I made him mad because I could talk as fast as he could. I am very sorry about our president. I never did like the name of McKinley. He is putting too

American for 1898. Now, in regard to my brother-in-law at Selma, Fresno County, California, I have paid for his paper out of my own pocket so far, but can't renew it this year, as I don't feel able, so you will have to look to them for the money. I enjoy your paper ever so much. May God bless you in your noble work is my earnest prayer. Yours in F. P. P., J. M. V.

MOWEAQUA, Ill., Dec. 28.—Dear Sir: Since I received your letter I have tried to get others to send with me, but not until just now, when I came across a friend and asked him again and he gave me dollar and I went into the bank and got another draft, so here they are. Send papers until January 1, 1898, and then stop it without more money comes. I am with you first last and all the time. I am an American, now over 82 years old, and hope to live to see Linton or some other as true a man in the White House with a Congress of like principles. True Americanism is nearly dead here. We had ninety-one members two years ago, but now it has all "gone to grass," and they will hardly talk about it any more. Now, after McKinley had the support of the A. P. A.'s, to think he would take the enemy into his cabinet is more than I can swallow. It makes me mad to think we can't find a true man any more, and now he wants to send one to the Supreme Court bench! But he does not want to give Cuba her rights of freedom; yet I have some hopes that Congress will do something soon. I live in hopes, but I may die in despair, and not live to see our country conquer its greatest enemy. So do the very best you can for the new party, for 1900, so we can find out whether we are America or Rome. I read and circulate all I can. The Irish call me the boss A. P. A., and if I don't stop it they will blow me higher than a kite; but I told them two could play at that game; so we live here yet. Yours truly, E. D. B.

KANE PA., Dec. 27.—Editor American: My Dear Sir—Being very busily engaged in moving for the past two weeks I found it impossible to reply to your letter requesting a renewal to your paper. It affords me no little pleasure to do so, however, at the present time, and to say that this is, I believe, my fourth consecutive renewal and to assure you that as long as you continue to sound the alarm against the alarming conditions that threaten our cherished institutions in so fearless and able a manner, just that long can you count upon me as a subscriber. In fact, I have grown so attached to it and its out-spoken contents that I cannot afford to miss a single number. You will find enclosed the amount in a P. M. O., and

please note the change in my address from Hdye Park, Pa., to Kane, Pa.

Now Mr. Thompson, I desire to ask of you the following:

I wish to secure a set of some standard cyclopedia, in which can I find the least taint of Jesuitism in their make-up; which give the bare facts?

Answer—American standard or the Encyclopedia Britannica, English edition of latter.

2. A missionary priest is soon to appear in our town and expects to enlighten us benighted heathen through the medium of a "question box." Will you please furnish me with a "bomb" for the box?

Answer—In case the laws of the church conflict with the laws of the state, which should a good and true Roman Catholic obey?

An issue of the American a year or more ago included just the ammunition I want, but I sent it to a friend for a similar purpose. I READDRESS ALL MY PAPERS TO PARTIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY; almost every state has received some, at various times.

I also desire to get some stationery. Will you please quote me prices and designs. I would like to have the flag in colors. Can you furnish B. P. O. E. emblem in colors; head and antlers alone preferred. Please inclose with reply a number of subscription blanks. I like to enclose them with my papers. The Pittsburgh Commercial-Gazette has opened its columns to an interesting controversy upon Romanism between Father Lambert, editor Freeman's Journal, and David McAlister, D. D., of Pittsburgh, and our cause is being ably defended.

Please pardon the length of this epistle, and wishing you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year, believe me to be very fraternally yours, J. H. W.

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many Catholics in office, and where are the A. P. A.'s in office under Mc's administration. I never did like McKinley. In all of Mc's pictures he looks like he never would look any one in the eye, or let other people look in his eye; and look out for the kind of people who always turn their heads to one side when they talk to you. I send \$2.00 for my subscription and for my brother also. If I send you twenty-five more names and addresses with 25 cents, could I get the book, "If Christ Came to Congress." You offered it that way last spring and I wanted to send the names, but could not spare the money, we have had so much bad luck and trouble trying to get what little money we did have, I could not spare it then. Hoping this will find everything all right. Respectfully, MARY C. B.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—I like your paper and do not want to drop it. Hope you will keep up the good work. All good Americans want to see those prisons, with their pet names, open for public inspection and the many hearts that are panting for liberty set free. I, for one, would like to see the American people make a strike at the Jesuits and drive them off American soil. They are corrupting our policies and undermining our government. We see lots of Rome rule here in Buffalo. Perhaps the people will get an eye opener after while. I remain very respectfully yours,

W. M. S.

DIXON, Ill., Dec. 30.—My paper is about run out. I want to subscribe for six months. You will find in this letter \$1 for six months. I am short of money now, but won't go back on this paper. I will fight against Romanism as long as I live. You sent me a list some time ago. I was so busy that I could not attend to it. I would have time this winter to get new subscribers for your paper. I am in favor of American Protection Association to organize a new party, for I have no faith in the Democrat or Republican parties. Those two parties give Rome too much.

F. L.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—I send you herewith one dollar (\$1.00) for next year's paper, and I will try to get some more customers. I will do anything to down the cross-backs. I am too poor or I would do better towards you. I have been a tailor for thirty-one years, and been in different countries. I have seen enough cruelty done by them to make any person turn against them. If I only had the power to speak I would be glad to tell what I know. Please don't forget me. My best wishes to you and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Respectfully yours, J. R. S.

LAKE PARK, Ill., Jan. 4.—Sir: Enclosed find \$2 to pay for my copy of your paper, also a copy to the address of a friend in Waterloo, Iowa. Circumstances prevented me sending it sooner. The man who drew the picture in your last issue did it to perfection. I have not read the paper yet, as I gave it to a friend to be handed around. I wish I could help you as my inclination would. Will write you later on.

R. J. P.

ANTHON, Ia., Dec. 28.—Dear Sir: Enclosed check or money order for the following books: "The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional," \$1.00; "Convent Life Unveiled," Edith O'Gorman, \$1.25; "Deeds of Darkness Disclosed," J. G. White, \$1.50. I shall start these books on mission work at once.

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Answer—They do and certain reactors are today moving to establish it in this city, together with a celebrated priesthood.

3. Of what religion was General Thomas, of the late war; Wirtz, the commander at Andersonville prison and that fellow whom Jeff Davis made commander-in-chief of all the prisons in the south.

Answer—Thomas was a Protestant; Wirtz was a Romanist.

4. Is there any book written by an ex-nun who was in a nunnery in the United States.

Answer—Think Edith O'Gorman was in convent in New Jersey.

I wish to say in conclusion that W. L. Butler, of Lone Jack, Mo., is my father and with the assistance of your paper I have made an uncompromising A. P. A. out of him. He is an old soldier and says those who try to destroy the government which he fought three years to preserve are no friends of his and cannot receive his support. He says the A. P. A. sentiment is getting to be very prevalent in the rural districts in his part of the state. I say, may they gain more so all over the state, as firmly rooted as the giant oaks that spring from her soil.

I think they have had enough of Kerens and Phelanism.

I will add three dollars to the aforesaid order for three one year subscriptions.

Yours in F. P. P.,

W. B. BUTLER.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., Dec. 22.—Editor The American: Some few months ago my friend Mr. Alexander persuaded me to take the paper six months on trial. I see straight forward statements regarding Romanism, which I fear are only too true. Have Chiniquy's book and read a good deal on Romanism. But am frank to say I believe we ought to speak the truth in love, instead of sarcasm. Please don't send the paper any longer to my address. He that takes the sword shall perish by the sword. A Bible poet says:

Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Stands God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own.
Respectfully, MR. and MRS. D. L.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 29.—Gentlemen: Enclosed please find \$10 order for ten American subscriptions. I told my friends if they would subscribe \$1 for The American, that it really represented \$100 for true Americanism. I also renew my paper for another year and present it to my wife for her New Year gift. I don't know of any thing else in the world that would open her eyes any quicker. With best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I'll remain, yours truly, A. P. B.

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