



DIONYSIUS III

It seems as though the discussion over Bishop Turner's flop to Bryan might be brought to a sudden end, if Messrs. Astwood and the brilliant and able editor of the Christian Recorder would just stop shooting paper pellets at each other. No good purpose is being served by this bitter and acrimonious debate. The election is over, McKinley is re-elected and Bryan and all his followers have been given a black eye. The criticisms of Bishop Turner's political set in supporting Bryan were just and fair, and in no way detracted from his standing as a Bishop. He reserved the right to speak his piece and vote his sentiments and his critics bombasted him as they did every other Bryanite. Being a public man he could not escape the javelins of the McKinley hosts any more than any other Bryanite. But its all over now even to the shouting, and we can all well afford to forget and forgive. "The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle dew from heaven," etc.

Brethren on the firing line; let it drop in great big chunks. Put up your "weeping" and shake hands across the bloodless chasm. You are acting scandalous.

Taking up the thread of my remarks on the pull of the Roman Catholics in municipal affairs in the Greater New York. It may be said without successful contradiction that many thousands of dollars of public school funds are now illegally diverted to support Roman Catholic schools and institutions although in the city of Brooklyn alone there are over 40,000 American children who are deprived of public school accommodations to which they are legally entitled, their parents thus being forced to send them to parochial school. The commissioner of nearly every city department in the city of New York is either a Roman Catholic or under the control of a Roman Catholic political boss.

The president of the police board or commissioner, of the greater city is a biggoted Romanist, as well as the chief of police, and nearly all of the deputy chiefs and a majority of the force are of that faith. The commissioner of the fire department and a large majority of the men under him are also Roman Catholics who are drawing lucrative salaries from the public treasury.

Richard Croker, John Carroll, Hugh McLaughlin, Edward Murphy, Patrick McCarren, John McCarthy, John Shevelin and many others have succeeded in placing the democratic organization so called, within the hands of Rome. Sixty eight delegates were elected at the democratic State convention held in New York City June, 6, 1900, to the

Democratic National Convention at Kansas City and forty-four of these were Roman Catholics. At the same convention fifty members of the democratic state committee were elected of whom thirty-one were Roman Catholics.

That the Roman Catholic Church (which is a political organization and machine) through its priests has complete control of the Democratic party organization of the state of New York will be seen by the following facts.

In twenty-one assembly districts in Kings county there are recognized, 11 democratic leaders or bosses and of these twenty are Roman Catholics, the other leader while nominally a Protestant is a subservient tool of the Roman Catholic county political boss.

Of sixty five delegates from Kings county to the democratic state convention at Syracuse in 1898, all were Roman Catholic save three, and a large proportion of Romanist were on the delegations to the same convention from other counties. The state committee of the democratic party in '98 comprised 56 members, 36 of whom were Catholics. The new executive committee for the year was composed of eleven members, nine of whom at least were Catholics. There are not over 25,000 Catholic voters in the Republic party in the state of New York. The influence of the Romish Church despite the demands of Bishop Ireland was used through every source to accomplish the defeat of McKinley. At a public meeting held under the auspices of the democratic party in Brooklyn Nov. 2, 1900, it was publicly proclaimed by a speaker that "Bryan would be elected because the Catholics are going to vote solidly for him." They certainly kept the pledge so far as the vote of New York city was concerned. But their pernicious activity and Croker's sublimated gall aroused the dormant spirit of Americanism, which buried Bryan under an avalanche of ballots, and sent Croker flying to Europe, the worst beaten and most disappointed man in all the Tammany outfit.

Protestant Americans had better wake up for when this federation of Catholic clubs will have been perfected it will be a formidable political opponent which will make itself felt whenever it enters the lists, and it will do the bidding of the democratic party which is in New York but another name for the Roman Catholic church.

A correspondent at the antipodes sends me a batch of Australian newspapers some of which have given currency editorially to the shameless lies sent out by the Associated Press during Galveston, Texas, flood, charging black men with looting the bodies of the dead victims of that visitation of God's providence. The Daily Argus published at Melbourne, states that "ninety of these Negroes were shot by the troops and that one of them when searched had 31 fingers in his pocket, each of which contained a ring." One some times has to go away from home to get important news when it isn't sent to him.

I have noticed the same yarn in some of the English and Scotch papers which have been sent me.

Without doubt the mendacity and curish propensities of some of the white press representatives in this country are at a lower ebb than some

people are willing to believe. They are absolutely without conscience or compunction when discussing the Negro. He is their legitimate prey, the butt of their coarse and cowardly jokes the victim of their malice, ridicule and contempt.

A white man was murdered in a mysterious manner in Rochester quite recently and a Negro who went into a store two miles distant from the point where the murder took place on the night the murder occurred was arrested on suspicion. The associated press disatches assisted the growth of prejudice, and is poisoning the public mind against our race by sending out a paragraph about the murder under the caption—"Was it a Negro?" The fact that a black man went into a store on or about the time the murder was committed was not a sufficient proof in the eyes of these enterprising liars that this black man knew nothing of the crime. He hadn't even heard of it. Most of the American dailies have on their reportorial staffs a few gentlemen and great number of young upstarts who have been picked too soon. They are forced men who smoke coffin nails, and invent preposterous lies about Negroes who pass muster and find a place in the great "journals of news and opinion." These young upstarts when sent to interview a colored man who speaks English sometimes take liberties with him and make him appear to have carried on the conversation in the plantation dialect. They invariably get his initials and his titles, mixed if he is possessed of the latter and he is always "a representative Negro" with a small "n" or "one of the best informed" or educated "men of his race." This class of erudite (?) journalists are generally found doing duty on those unreliable and sensational dailies which draw upon their imaginations when their facts give out. Governor Roosevelt has recently stamped the word liar in yellow characters upon one such newspaper in New York City which for weeks exploited a lie, which it knew to be a lie, and an indefensible and unwarranted lie at that. The same paper lied about Mrs. Jeffries of Rochester who attended as a delegate the convention of Women's Federated Clubs at Albany. It tried its best to provoke a discussion of the color question by putting words in this lady's mouth and in the mouths of some of her white conferees. It sent it women reporters to ask her if she didn't regard certain acts of the chairwoman of the convention as a direct snub to her on account of color.

One of the things which excited the quill fraternity and which they rolled as a sweet morsel under their tongues was when four ladies, among them Mrs. Jeffries at a morning session arose to address the convention only one of whom said Mrs: President, and was promptly recognized by the chair, of course, the three others, of whom Mrs. Jeffries was one sat down. The paper in question in its report of this session did not mention the circumstances at all. Circumstances are not material in the preparation of sensational articles—but sent out to the country the lying statement that Mrs. Jeffries had been deliberately sat down on by the chair when she had attempted to address the convention. These are the kind of people who make public sentiment who poison the public mind against the Negro; who are responsible for more than one-half of the mob violence in the South and elsewhere because they

prepare the minds of the lawless element for just such deeds as they commit from time to time who find their justification for their acts in the harrowing tales of outrage and murder which originate in the fertile brains (?) of some of these lying young upstarts who furnish padding at so much per column to the daily press.

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