METHODISTS OF ROME UNFAIR

FALCONIO SAYS POPE HAD TO IGNORE FAIRBANKS.

Couldn't Receive Representative of a Sect Which Is Gaining Converts Beside the Vatican by Presents of Clothing —Objection Specific, Not General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Mgr. Diomede Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, discussed in an interview here to-day the refusal of the Pope to receive former Vice-President Fairbanks at the Vatican. Mgr. Falconio said that the Pope could not have acted otherwise, that the Pope did not wish to offend "his children," whether Catholic or Protestant, and upheld Archbishop Ireland in his declaration that the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome proselyted unfairly.

"The Holy Father loves his children everywhere, both Protestant and Catholic. He would be deeply grieved to offend them" said Mgr. Falconio, "but you know Rome is the parish of the Holy Father." The delegate went on to say that Catholics throughout the world regretted the incident. "But," he added in explanation, "there was nothing else for the Holy Father to do under the circumstances."

"The Holy Father," he continued, "takes pleasure in receiving men and women from all parts of the world if they come properly accredited, and by that I mean if they have a letter from a Bishop or myself. Of course a man of the international reputation of Mr. Fairbanks would not need such a letter, because the Pope knows of him and his work.

"Time and again I have given letters of introduction to Protestant ministers who desired to pay a visit to the Pontiff while in Rome, and I am sure the Pontiff enjoyed their visit. There surely is no foundation for the statement which has gone broadcast that one must act as a Catholic while in Rome if he may hope to have an audience with the Holy Father."

The delegate then referred to the methods of Methodists in Rome and said that Archbishop Ireland was right when he said the means they adopted in proselyting Catholics were not honorable. He said he hoped it could be made clear to the people of the world that the Pope in refusing to receive Mr. Fairbanks in audience had meant no offence to the great American nation, but that he could not receive a man, even though he be honored throughout the world, who persisted in addressing within so short a time thereafter a congregation which had attacked the work of the Catholic Church with such vehemence as the Methodists have during their efforts in Rome.

He observed that Archbishop Ireland in his recent interview declared that he was not attacking the entire Methodist Church, but the Methodist Association in Rome. Mgr. Falconio had been told that Bishop Cranston and other prelates of the Methodist Episcopal Church did not regard the attack as one upon the whole Methodist Episcopal body and he said he wanted to reiterate the statement. He said that he hoped it would be understood everywhere by Protestants and Roman Catholics that the charge of the Archbishop was directed against only the Rome Methodists.

"Archbishop Ireland declares that the methods of the Methodists in Rome are 'dishonorable.' Will you explain the methods in vogue there which you believe he refers to?" Mgr. Falconio was asked.

He reflected, then he spoke more slowly:

"They are proselyting little children of the poor of Rome," he said. "To these little ones, over whom the Catholic Church gazes as a mother, the Methodists give shoes and clothing and they are in this way weaned away from their mother church.

"Their parents are Catholics," he continued, "and the Methodists are doing all in their power by these gifts to wrest them away to the faith as laid down by John Wesley. This method, according to the Archbishop, is highly dishonorable. He averred that the Catholic Church does not attempt such methods to gain the poor of the Protestant faith in any country away from the church which is exercising a spiritual guardianship over them.

"I want to tell you of one incident which has just come to my attention. A teacher in one of our schools spoke of her religion to a pupil of Protestant parentage and the fact was brought to the attention of her superiors. Our rules are that nothing of the sort shall ever be done, and as a result the teacher was removed.

"Her course, however, you must understand, would have been permissible if she had consulted with the parents of the pupil before she had spoken to the pupil and they had agreed to her contemplated action. As it was she did not, and thereby violated one of the cardinal rules of the Church and brought on herself the displeasure of her superiors."

Archbishop Falconio said that in the course of his visit to Rome last year he had abundant opportunity to observe the proselyting methods of the Methodists.

"If they want to carry the message of Christ and hold the cross of the Crucified One up before people who need the lesson," he said, "why should they attempt to draw our people away from the Church which mothered their ancestors?

"Why do they not attempt to bring within their fold those who have not accepted the Christ as their Saviour? Why do they not go to the heathen and preach the message of the gospel where it is needed so much more than it is among the Catholics of Rome?"

He meditated for a moment and added: "I cannot see why they do not. I cannot see."

SECTIONAL ROW AT HARVARD.

Alumni Stirred by Invitation to Southerner to Speak on Memorial Day.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 10.—Major B. M. Harrod, Harvard '56, of New Orleans, a Confederate veteran who was recently selected by President Lowell to deliver the Memorial Day address before the members of the university and Grand Army veterans, has been obliged to cancel his engagement on account of an imperative throat operation.

The *Harvard Bulletin*, published by the alumni association, in an editorial advocated the selection of Lieut. Carleton Hunt, '56, also of New Orleans, since Major Harrod could not accept. Mr. Hunt was a chum and fellow soldier with Mr. Harrod. The editorial concluded:

"If Mr. Hunt will give the Memorial Day address we would like to have him introduced by that grim abolitionist and Union soldier and highest type of Harvard man, Col. N. P. Hallowell, '61.

"Such an occasion would hasten the day, which the *Bulletin* hopes is not far distant, when the names of the Harvard men who died in the Confederate service during the war between the States will be cut in the marble tablets in Memorial Hall beside the names of those who died in the Union army."

Col. Hallowell immediately addressed the *Bulletin's* editors ignoring the suggestion that he introduce Lieut. Hunt and asserting that in regard to placing memorial tablets in honor of the Confederate dead in Memorial Hall he stood as he did some years ago when he delivered the memorial address at the university himself.

The conclusion of that address was:

"So long then as there is a distinction between principles of liberty and those of slavery may monuments to the Confederate dead be erected on Southern not Northern soil, and may this Memorial Hall stand for those Harvard men who fought for liberty and not those who fought for slavery."

This letter brought letters of approval from William Eliot Furness, '60, Chicago, and Frank Hendrick, '97, of New York, while William Woodward Baldwin, '86, of New York, defended the rights of the Harvard Confederate veterans to representation.

Many verbal opinions were given on the matter also.

The *Crimson* in an editorial to-day takes the stand that the Harvard men, Confederate or Union, alike are sons of a common mother and the Southerners are therefore on an equal footing in the university household as their Northern brethren.

The controversy is assuming huge proportions among the student body, many of the Southerners believing that this raking up of old sores is at the most very ill timed.

Dennison Indicted.

An indictment for attempted murder in the first degree was handed up by the Grand Jury in General Sessions yesterday against Herbert Jerome Dennison. The charge is based on the positive identification made by John Fredericks, who testified that Dennison was the man who shot him on the viaduct at 153d street on the night of January 8. Dennison was discharged for lack of sufficient evidence on the charge of killing Arthur Shibley and Robbie Lomas.

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