

On the Firing Line

The circulation figures look a great deal better this week than last, which shows that the workers on the firing line can be depended on to get up steam when occasion demands.

We are depending on you to keep the big machine going. We are depending on you to keep the plant for further expansion and for the continual improvement of The Menace, and we are depending on you to handle the circulation and keep it on the up grade.

Remember that if you are willing to distribute sample copies where you think subscriptions will result, all you have to do is to ask for them and they will be sent at once.

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ward for The Menace to its inspired individuality. The Menace is the herald of truth. Truth is the inner soul of virtue. Love, Liberty, benevolence, charity, freedom and Protestantism is the symbol of God's commandments. The Menace is his voice of reason to the people.

Claremont, N. H.—Here is my 23rd victim. So far as I have learned all seem to think they are getting more than the worth of their money. I follow you have published one or two extracts from my letters, but no name signed. Any time you feel inclined to publish anything I write you need not fear to publish my name. They know who you fellows are, and I am not afraid to let them know who I am. They are a dangerous crowd, but I like to fight in the open. They are snakes in the grass.—W. H. WILKINSON.

THE BIG TWELVE

When we entered the office this morning, Father Bullock was on the war path right. He was in the act of excommunicating every worker in Buffalo and North Tonawanda. We tried to remonstrate with the Father but our efforts to appease his wrath were in vain. We showed him that these were the first goose eggs to their credit, and that next resort would be to publish anything I write the excommunication. This will give the workers another lease on life, and we are sure they will appreciate our intervention in their behalf.

Table with columns: Name, Address, New Subs, Total. Lists subscribers from Buffalo, N.Y. to Duquesne, Pa.

AS CATHOLICS THINK

Thinking people are slowly coming to the conclusion that the Catholic church is the sole support of law and order in the world. While many of the governments have gone over to the anarchists, and all the rest are hesitating, the church proclaims aloud the eternal laws of right and justice.

A contributor to America, in eulogizing "Plus IX, pontiff, prophet, and king," declares: "Plus IX was a liberal of the liberals in the truest and best sense of the word. Under his rule the papal states enjoyed a free and equitable government, to which they have been strangers since."

People of old-fashioned notions of truth and honesty are shocked at the methods employed by the Protestant missionaries in the Philippines to draw the people from the church. Their methods are the same in Italy and all Catholic countries. They are the same the reformers resorted to four hundred years ago.

The true cause of the retrogression of these Catholic nations which have been in the public eye so much of late has at last been discovered, and is thus stated in America (Roman Catholic): "The decay of Spain and Portugal began when absolutism, the invention of Protestantism, was introduced there and corrupted the old Christian society."

Our Lord put in the world the Catholic church for the express purpose of saving souls, and no other religion or organization whatever has been founded by him for this object. The church teaches the truth which God himself has committed to her. Any doctrine or principle contrary to those taught by the Catholic church must inevitably be contradictory to God's revelation.

Philadelphia, Pa.—"Your special copy received and appreciated. May your shadow never grow less." Cincinnati, Ohio—"I think so much of your paper and its cause that I pay for all of the subscriptions I send in. Keep it up."

Crookston, Minn.—"You are doing a great and noble work; your paper should be in every home in America." Cutler, Ill.—"May the blessings of God rest upon you in the noble work you are doing for God, home and native land."

West Philadelphia, Pa.—"A copy of your paper came to my hands and I was greatly impressed to know that we had at least one publication that was not afraid to come forth with the truth about the Roman Catholic religion." Buffalo, N. Y.—"I had a friend give me The Menace to read and it is great. I never thought there was a man in this country that had the sense to publish a paper like this. Hope that you will keep it up and open the eyes of some people."

Coropocoma, Penn.—"Your most valued paper comes to our home every week and we find it a most worthy one and read and read and truly glad to read we have some one who is not afraid to tell the people of the dirty deeds of the Catholics."

GEORGE NOT AN ANARCHIST

A subscriber takes issue with the writer who claimed that the murderer Colquhoun was an anarchist. I give abundant proof to substantiate his claim.

The article in question was a clipping sent to The Menace and as we had been questioned as to Colquhoun's religion the clipping was printed.

It has been thoroughly established that the martyred presidents were all distasteful to the hierarchy and the inference is natural that Roman Catholic influences had something to do with their being put out of the way.

The Jesuits have the reputation of being the political right arm of the papacy. They swear unreserved obedience to their superiors and it is suspected that, true to their history, these murderers of presidents might, if they would, clear up the motives that actuated the desperate men to kill Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley.

That the Jesuits have earned the reputation given them is seen from the fact that they were implicated in the assassination of Henry III, of France; planned the Spanish Armada; often contrived the death of Elizabeth of England; invented the "gunpowder plot," instigated the murder of Henry IV, of France; impelled the revocation of the Edict of Nantes; ruined James II, and were commingled with all the atrocities and miseries which desolated Europe during nearly two hundred years.

Let us suppose that such a list of questions as this, including many more of equal import, were propounded to each and every Freemason throughout the land, it would be a matter of the most profound interest to the future of this country and its institutions to determine whether there is even so many as one real coward in our ranks.

Cardinal Gibbons in his jubilee function took great care to mention that the prejudices which formerly existed against Catholicism in this country were almost exterminated. He charged the Bishops and Archbishops around him with the command to garner by the end of another fifty years 100,000,000 souls for the Catholic church in this country.

The cardinal is quite right. Prejudice is a poor weapon and a poor argument and does disappear when knowledge and better acquaintance beget respect and confidence. If it ever existed in this country toward Catholics it has given place to argument and facts. It is no longer a question as to the attitude of the Roman Catholic church in America. The open and avowed purpose to make this country Roman Catholic and substitute the pope's flag for our flag and his authority for the constitution is manifest in a thousand ways.

For the purpose of solving a problem of the most vital and immediate importance, let us suppose that an exigency has arisen within the Masonic Fraternity which makes it necessary for the order to know how many of the 2,000,000 or more members of the craft in the United States are men of real and unqualified courage and how many are cowards.

To that end, let us assume that the grand officers of the grand bodies of the several states have appointed their inquisitorial committees for the purpose of making a most searching examination of each and every individual member of the fraternity within their several jurisdictions.

In pursuance of such an undertaking, let us further assume that each and every individual member of the craft within the United States has been duly summoned before such committee, there to answer such questions as may be put to him touching his courage, both physical and moral.

MODERNISM DEFINED

The International Catholic Truth Society is furnishing plate matter to certain papers willing to kiss the pope's toe. This society is headed by Jesuits who try to be learned and philosophical.

A clear brained western writer covers the much discussed and much misunderstood question pretty thoroughly, to wit: "Catholics and all common sense philosophers hold to the principle that, 'a thing is what it is,' which seems a very simple statement. It is called 'objectivism' and means that no matter what I think about an object, the object does not become what I think it is, but remains just what it is in itself."

He then goes on and explains that there are those who hold that a thing is what their minds conceive it to be and this is called, "subjectivism." "In the latter case truth varies with the advance of thought, etc., so that we never, or rarely ever, reach truth, and this is what Modernism is. By this subjective process, he says, 'there is destruction of all objective knowledge about religion.' Of course (1)

The Menace readers can tell now where they are "at." According to this Jesuit's definition—this clear brained Romanist, "A thing is what it is, and not what you think it is, but remains just what it is in itself." Just after this wonderful statement some Catholic is going to put it up to the priest in this way: "Father, you say when you elevate the host the wafer becomes the real body of Christ, 'not what it is in itself,' and the wine is the blood, and by this act the sacrifice is made perpetual at every mass?"

Is the bread the same thing or is it in itself what you think it is? And if the priest is honest he will have to confess that the bread is just bread, and the wine, wine, and does not change, and is not what the Catholic church teaches about it, or thinks it is.

Any fool knows that the human mind can not grasp at once all the truth about anything; that men do change their beliefs as fast as the veil of ignorance is taken off their faces; that we see God's ways, God's works partly, "for now we see through a glass darkly," but "when He, the spirit of truth, comes He will lead us into all truth." This is the age of the spirit.

The Menace doesn't care which you take, the "subjective" or the "objective" position. We object to being burned or tortured for holding any philosophy we choose. Keep the field open for free thought. Let every man do his own thinking for himself. This is a free country and by the grace of God and the American people it shall remain free.

PROTESTANTS AROUSED

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 28, 1911.—Oakland missionary societies are very much stirred up over reports received from the Philippines concerning the alleged action of the government in religious matters in the islands, and many of them are preparing to send a protest to President Taft and the United States Commissioner of Education.

The initiative has been taken by the missionary body of the Brooklyn Presbyterian church which, at its last meeting, instructed its secretary, Miss Alice Mould, to send the following protest to the Chief Executive:

"At the regular monthly meeting of the missionary society of the Brooklyn Presbyterian church attention was called to the fact that the United States Bureau of Education has issued an order directing American school teachers to take no part in religious work in the Philippines, they being prohibited from taking a Sunday School class in their own church or from conducting Bible classes in their own homes or from encouraging the study of the Bible."

"It was unanimously voted that the secretary be instructed to enter in behalf of the Brooklyn missionary society, a most vigorous protest against this astonishing prohibition on the part of the government of the United States, and to forward said protest to his excellency, William H. Taft, president, and the Commissioner of Education of the United States."

FROM JERUSALEM

The Menace received, recently, a paper, "The Truth," edited by Solomon Feingold. We judge the Editor is a learned Jew, for he writes with discrimination. The date of the paper is Sept. 29th, 1911, and tells the story that the Holy land is not so far away as it used to be in our childhood. But how did Mr. Feingold get The Menace? We believe that there is not a civilized nation on earth

HIERARCHY AND THE STATE

Richard G. Badger, publisher, Boston, Mass., has sent to The Menace a new book on "The Roman Catholic Church and its Relation to the Federal Government," by Francis T. Morton, member of the Massachusetts bar. Bound in cloth 357 pages, net \$2.00. Order from The Menace.

It is fortunate for the reader that the subject is treated from the viewpoint of a lawyer. Facts, in this case, will appeal to the writer and influence him rather than prejudice, which often mars the writings of men who have not the training given to men practiced in determining both the law and the facts in relation to each other.

In the author's preface he says: "The object of this book is to give a brief history of the Roman Catholic church, its claim, objects, and purposes in the past, as exemplified in the older countries where it has by reason of its practices held sway for centuries, and also to show, as far as space and time admit, its position in the United States of America at the present time, where the opportunities for its growth and expansion have never been equaled, by reason of absolute freedom of action and speech allowed its representatives, the ignorance of its votaries and the public as well, who know little of its methods practiced for centuries in foreign countries; and the enormous influx of ignorant foreigners coming to our shores, many of whom are Catholics."

The first part of the book is a compilation from authenticated text books and authorities and the second part is given up to the author's "reflections on the subjects discussed, and with due regard for the religious education and feelings of the reader."

To give you an idea of the scope of the authorities cited we mention: A brief summary of Text-book of Popery. The origin and progress of Popedom. Chronological table of Popery. The Pontifical hierarchy. The Papal Interdict. Jesuit's Oath of Secrecy. Jesuitism—historical character, incompatible with constitutional order and the liberty of the press. Mexico and the United States papal attack on France. A reply to Cardinal Gibbons, "The Church and the Republic." Conclusions as printed in The Menace, No. 31, definitions of words and terms. This brief summary of some of the topics will certainly make the reader want to own and read what Mr. Morton has to say.

There are some things which might have been omitted that many persons hold in good faith, but is not essential to the main argument of the book. One of the strongest chapters in the book, because so in touch with present day thinking, is the reply to Cardinal Gibbons, "The Church and the Republic."

Mr. Morton's authority and argument are overwhelmingly convincing. It crushes Gibbons sophistry with facts and uncovers the cardinals attempt to hide behind the monstrous assumption that the pope is the authority and law for the government of the state.

PRIESTLY FRAUD

New York, Nov. 4.—Accused of having obtained merchandise from local stores under false pretenses, Rev. Bernardino Consolazio, a Catholic priest without a charge, was arrested in New York yesterday by Detectives Farrel and Ryan. He was arraigned in Yorkville Police Court and held in \$2,000 bail to await extradition.

In Southern Europe "indulgences" for crimes or sins are made out in blank and signed by the priests and are on sale in the grocery and other small stores. The purchasers can then go and commit a crime and feel they are innocent, or forgiven, for the offence. If ever there was money obtained under false pretense it surely is the money extorted from the gullible by priests for forgiving sins and praying the relatives of the deluded out of purgatory. Only the most ignorant could be taken in this gaudy rouser. Art thou wise?

SEPARATE CHURCH AND STATE

Vote no more money for sectarian schools among the Indians.

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