A Challenge to Rome's Priesthood

WHILE in Minneapolis, delivering a series of six lectures, on the attitude of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and church and avowed purpose of the hierarchy to control our government and bring its institutions into conformity to papal laws and decrees, Mr. Walter Sims was requested by prominent citizens and members of the Guardians of Liberty, to draw up a challenge, asking for public discussion on the questions at issue between political Romanism and Protestantism.

He presents the following reasons why such discussion is desired:

1. Roman Catholic priests are engaged in holding what they call non-Catholic missions throughout the country, to which Protestants go, and where they hear only that which has been prepared for them, and are thereby made indifferent to the menace which the "pope in politics" is growing to be in this republic.

2. The teaching of the Roman Catholic priesthood, to their people makes it a sin for them to read Protestant literature, or to listen to Protestant lectures, and especially a very grave sin when such lectures or reading matter is at all non-Catholic.

3. We want Roman Catholics to hear both sides of the question, and thus judge for themselves as to which side is presenting the truth, and standing for human liberty in its broadest and God given principles.

4. Having good reason for believing that the great mass of Roman Catholic people in this country are in the dark, as to what the political propaganda of the hierarchy is conspiring to do to our liberal institutions; and having confidence in their admiration and love of liberty from priestly rule; we have reason to believe that the educated among them would rise against the rule of the clergy in this country as they have done in France, Italy, Portugal and other European countries heretofore dominated by the hierarchy.

5. We read in the Roman Catholic New Testament, John's Gospel, III, chapter, 20-21, verses the following:

"For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, that his work may not be reproved; but he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, because they are done in God."

6. We believe that the only way to bring the works of either Protestantism or Roman Catholicism into the light is to bring them before the people, and therefore the following challenge is issued:

(In the Catholic Bible, Acts of the Apostles, we are told that Paul disputed daily in the school of one Tyrannus for the space of two years.)

In view of the avowed purpose of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and priesthood to bring this nation under the supreme sovereignty of the pope and his prelates, and thereby make it a Roman Catholic country; and in view of the self-evident fact that its clergy have for the past quarter of a century been actively engaged in an attempt to cause their people to make themselves a power in our national and state politics in order to cause the constitutions and laws thereof to be so changed as to make them conformable to the canon law of the Roman Catholic religion, I exercise the right of free Protestant Christian American citizenship to challenge any prelate, priest or authorized representative of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to public discussion of the following propositions:

1. I affirm that the Roman Catholic church is not a Christian religion, neither in organization, doctrines nor practice.

2. That it is a revival of ancient paganism with Christian names applied thereto.

3. That the pope, his hierarchy and priests, have no connection with or authority from the God and Christ of Bible Christianity.

4. That the papal system is pure despotism and is therefore un-American and as such a menace to every free institution of the republic.

5. That every cardinal or so-called prince, every archbishop, every bishop and every priest, has by swearing paramount allegiance to the pope, acknowledging him as a sovereign prince and potentate, forfeited all right and title to citizenship.

6. That the attempt to control the vote of any part of the people of the republic on the part of such foreign subjects in order to make its constitutions and laws conform to the laws and sovereign decrees of such foreign claimant of princedom, is treason.

7. That the members of Roman Catholic societies whose constitutions, by-laws and obligations compel them to swear a paramount allegiance to the pope as a sovereign prince and potentate, have forfeited their right and title to citizenship; and that any avowed purpose on the part of such associations to place the pope in control by attempting to change our constitutions and laws and make them conform to papal canon law and decrees, is conspiracy against the liberties of the citizens of the republic.

I will agree to arrange for a public auditorium in which discussions on these propositions may take place; and further agree that any prelate, priest or authorized representative of the hierarchy shall be treated with Christian American courtesy and will request similar treatment for myself.

1. The Bible, either Protestant or Roman Catholic, shall be accepted as the supreme law on all propositions which relate to religion.

2. The constitution and laws of the republic shall be decisive as regards all propositions relating to politics and government.

3. The arrangements for the discussion and the manner of its conduct shall be under the control of a committee.

4. If charges of admission are made I will agree to give my opponents three-fourths of the net proceeds.

5. The acceptance of this challenge shall be in writing and reasonable time be allowed for making arrangements.

6. I will discuss these propositions in any city of the first and second class within a radius of eight hundred miles of my home city, or further if need be.

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Dated at Minneapolis, Minn., March 31, 1913.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MINISTERS IN ILLINOIS.

Dear Sir—I notice by the newspapers that you will likely be called upon to deliver a sermon favoring the proposed divorce law for Illinois. Before doing so I would kindly call your attention to a few matters of vital importance in connection with this law.

1st. This law is backed by the Catholic church because Chicago and the state of Illinois are now run by the Catholic church and they wish to get a law on the books whereby they can show their power. I beg of you not to be made a cat's paw of the Catholic church; do not favor any law that any Catholic favors.

On Saturday, March 30th at the meeting held in the Methodist church, corner Clark and Washington, Judge McCoorty told us of the beneficent laws of Austria and the very few divorces and said that he favored the Austria law for America. Will you kindly ask him to state why it is that in Catholic controlled Austria the births are 51 per cent illegitimate, and also why it is that, under Catholic rule 39 per cent of the people of Austria are illiterate?

Next came Judge Kavanaugh, he stated that "the most happy and contented people he ever saw were the Irish and that in a year there was only one divorce in Ireland." Also "that he would like to see the marriage laws of the Catholic church made a part of the laws of this country." Apropos of his first remark I would remind him that 21 per cent of the Irish Catholics are illiterate and the poverty, filth and degradation of the Catholic Irish are known the world over. In the province of Connaught with a population of 625,000 there are six Roman Catholic bishops as compared with only six bishops in Belgium with over seven million people. No wonder there was only one divorce in a whole year in Ireland; the church would not give them divorces because it would cut down their revenue and break the bondage in which they are held.

I would also call your attention to the fact that the Catholic church had passed in New Jersey and signed by Woodrow Wilson now our president, a law making it illegal for a justice of the peace to perform a marriage ceremony. Beware of the same law they will try to pass in other states.

In Colorado and Missouri that are trying to pass laws making it a criminal offense for any person, gathering of persons, or any book, paper or publication to criticise or say any word derogatory to religion. Evidently the Catholic church can not stand the light of day.

Satolli says to us: "You may keep your constitution, if you will also have the church" and I say the rule of the church of Rome in America must and will cease. Today marks the beginning of the end of it. Will you be one to help or are you willing to wear the yoke of Rome, of ignorance, of superstition, of filth, white slavery, crime and a marriage law in Illinois that is owned, backed and enforced by the Catholic church. If you have red American blood in your veins let your answer in your own pulpit show it.

My answer to Satolli is, that we wrote the constitution without the aid of the church of Rome and we intend to eradicate Rome and keep the constitution. In America there are twelve million Catholics, twenty-four million of all other denominations and fifty-six millions not identified with any religion; we will not let Rome and its twelve millions run America.

W. H. MILLER.

HAVE YOU BEEN DIVORCED?

If you have you are a "social pest," according to "St. Antonius Pfarrbote," (whatever that is) a German Catholic magazine published in St. Louis. Here's the way it talks about that question and Protestants in general in the April number:

Q.—What social intercourse may a sister have with a brother who was married to a Catholic girl, by a priest, then divorces her, and while she is still living, marries another woman, by a Protestant minister? Is social intercourse, such as visits, permissible?

A.—The Catholic man who does such a thing commits a most grievous sin, continues in that state, and is living a most scandalous life. For the punishment of great crimes, and for the protection of the faithful, the church sometimes inflicts public excommunication even to the extent of obliging her children to avoid association with such. But this punishment is rarely inflicted. Even such a severe sentence would not ordinarily include near relatives. The practical side of the question, however, remains. Should a sister visit socially such a brother? If her visits may positively result in no hope of reclaiming the brother, we think she should discontinue them. Such a course may be a continuous reminder to her erring brother of the shameful state in which he is living, and a means of saving his soul. If, on the contrary, her visits may be used to rouse him to a knowledge of his sin, why should she not in charity continue them? A divorced man or woman, living in a second marriage, is a social pest, and should be ostracised from respectable society. They are a cancer on the body social, and should be made to feel their contagion. St. John, in his third Epistle says: "Whoever revolteth, and continueth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God—if any man come to you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into the house nor say to him, God speed you. For he that says to him, God speed you, communicates with his wicked works." Some years ago a group of Catholic ladies organized themselves into a society called "The Daughters of the Faith." One of their rules is to refuse to meet socially, divorced persons who re-marry. The holy father gave his blessing to them.

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Contempt prior to examination, that principle which cannot fail to keep man in everlasting ignorance, is boasted by the Western Watchman as follows: "Priests are poor listeners and Catholics are poor listeners and it comes from this—they know the other story is foolishness. A priest is a poor listener when somebody outside the church makes an argument against the church, and the reason is he knows he is talking nonsense. Catholics do not read Protestant books because they know they are full of foolishness, and Catholics pay little attention to what is said outside the church because they know there is nothing in it." The ideal mental attitude in which Romish graft gets in its best licks!

A Canadian mother superior is running an immigration bureau on a strictly business plan. Young Catholic women domestics are imported from abroad at the expense of the convent and any Catholic desiring a servant must repay the passage money to the "mother" and then deduct it from the girl's wages. The servant bears the entire burden, and by her marriage—with a Catholic, of course—is expected to rear a large family for "mother church." The women as usual are the cat's paw for the Romish corporation, as it is all a highly profitable enterprise, a part of the great movement to make America Catholic, and provide richer and larger pastures for the stall-fed priests. Their range is being fenced off in Italy, France, Spain and Portugal, and they can't feed there on the commons any longer!

Prince-of-the-Blood, O'Connell, the Boston cardinal, has that versatility which comes from plenty of brass, ignorance and gall. Like Silas Wegg, he even drops into poetry occasionally, having lately written a hymn which the "holy name" men have to sing when he is around. His latest stunt, however, is a pamphlet on the relations between employers and employed which can be had at $16 per thousand. It is puzzling to know why O'Connell takes up this question after airily dismissing it a few months ago by saying, "More economy at home and less perpetual seeking of empty pleasures would remove much of the unnecessary discontent and murmurings which often without real cause we hear on many sides." You can be sure this stall-fed animal that never walked a furrow in his life knows all about industrial relations.

On looking over the Q. and A. departments of Catholic papers, the reader is forced to reflect on the kind of training which has so successfully made mush of the human brains in which God-like reason should sit supreme. A "distressed girl" asks if her fast has been broken by face powder entering her mouth; another vomits after communion and wants to know if he must confess it at next confessional, and what was his religious duty immediately after his nausea; still another asks if rosaries may be worn around the neck; what must be done if a conductor fails to take up your fare; which choir belongs to the arch-angels, ad infinitum, ad nauseum! The advice of Priest Ireland throws some light on this imbecility: "Always work in harmony with those whom the Holy Ghost has placed to rule the church, avoiding perilous independence of action." And to this intellectual level Ireland and his tribe are striving to reduce all America!

The execution a few years ago of Spain's greatest educator, Ferrer, by priest-aimed bullets, was but a repetition of the fate of Jose Rizal, the thirty-five-year-old Philippine writer and educator who was shot to death by Spanish church and state, sixteen years ago. Rizal, a man of scholarly attainments, having studied medicine and philosophy in Barcelona, Madrid, France and Germany, wrote two books exposing the social cancer, the friar corporation in the Philippines (The U. S. report on the friar regime in the islands, Senate Document No. 190, was so dark and damnable that it is now "out of print," wagon loads of the pamphlet having been destroyed by those most interested in hiding the dirt). Rizal's books were prohibited in the islands, the possession of them was punishable by imprisonment or deportation, Rizal was banished and his family ruined. But his books did their work and a petition was presented to the archbishop for the abolition of the friar orders, with the result that the government deported all the signers of the petition it could lay hands on. At length, on a trumped up charge, church and state got hold of Rizal and had eight bullets fired into his back, the church dignitaries of Manila appearing in full regalia. Only sixteen years ago, Americans! But never a word from Rome to save the life of this patriot who was merely pointing out the leprosy which was destroying the people. Never a word from America except in sending Taft to the pope to arrange for the payment of nine million dollars to the lecherous friars for property filched from the people whom they outraged. Never a word from America now except to print as a public document an interview with Cardinal Gibbons in opposition to the granting of independence for the Filipinos. But Rizal's work is not forgotten. Last December, the anniversary of his execution, was made a holiday by the Philippine assembly, a monument to his memory was unveiled in Manila, one of his anti-clerical plays reproduced in the plaza, and pilgrimages made to his birthplace from all parts of the island. Meanwhile the vampire hierarchy are working tooth and nail to have the U. S. continue its hold on the islands, while they fasten themselves again at the throat of the unfortunate people.

AS TO MANUSCRIPTS.

The Menace receives daily hundreds of manuscripts intended for publication. The majority of these contain good material, but to make use of it all would require the publication of a daily paper the size of the Menace. Not only that, but it is impossible to keep on file all of this class of material, and for that reason we would suggest that in sending in manuscript which you wish to preserve that you retain a copy of the same. This will expedite matters for you as well as for us.

THE Exchange TABLE

Ex-President Elliott, of Harvard, is quoted as saying that there is not a Roman Catholic college in the United States that can qualify a pupil to enter the freshman class at Harvard. And still some folks prate about Catholic scholarship and support Catholic schools, thus brangled as being at best second-rate affairs.—Baptist Advance.

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"The Roman church is endeavoring to work itself into the government of the United States somehow. It is not proper that the head of the Catholic church should attempt to override our civil laws with some cannon laws of old Europe. The civil law is supreme. Church laws can in on consistent way interfere with their working. To allow it is one step backward."—Dr. McKim, Bible Advocate.

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The Roman Catholic church as a political organization is a menace to our country, and because some Protestants are asleep and others are bidding for the Catholic vote, that church is fast getting hold of the political offices, from the ward constable to the governor of the state. By cunning, crafty methods, aided by the saloon, with the majority asleep or indifferent, a small minority of the voters of the country succeed in capturing the offices and obtaining power which is used to further the interests of political Rome. Now they are endeavoring to get October 12th made a national holiday in honor of Columbus.—Free Methodist.

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"One of our exchanges," says the Western World, of Des Moines, Ia., "quotes some of the wailings of the Methodist, of Baltimore, on the subject of 'Catholics in the employment of the government.' After bemoaning the choice of Mr. Tumulty, President Wilson's secretary, of Daniel J. Regan, 'another Catholic,' to be his first assistant, the Methodist says: 'We had hoped, after such a long dose of Rome under President Roosevelt and Taft, that under the administration of a Presbyterian elder we might have a let-up on Romanism. But under that outfit the cardinal will know the inside news of the white house before President Wilson has them clearly formulated in his own mind. Absolutely, the Catholics are in the saddle in the city.'"

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The Catholic Register says: "The nations that dine on the pope grow awfully sick. Here is Spain back again at the vatican, Portugal wishing it were there, and France making eyes in the same direction. Nations rise and fall, the papacy goes on forever." It is nice to hug delusions; for the Register this is one. The anti-clerical republicans are now in control in Spain, and stringent laws are being passed against the church. Portugal was never more determined to retain her freedom from papal dominion. France has just made M. Briand, the arch-enemy of the church, her premier. Yes, the papacy "goes on forever," muddling. Some day, like Humpty Dumpty, it will "have a great fall," and all the king's men and all the king's horses will not be able to put Humpty Dumpty together again.—The Sentinel, Toronto, Canada.

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If the different governments interested do not make too serious a protest, the principal Catholic churches of Italy, France, Austria, and perhaps several other European countries, will be connected with the vatican and with each other by wireless. Cardinal Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, who is prominent as a scientist, has been carrying on the experiments and has already communicated successfully with the Jesuit church in Gratz, Austria, following which the Austrian military authorities ordered the immediate demolition of the station, fearing that it was intercepting army messages. Cardinal Maffi is unofficially striving to convince the authorities that his wireless system is specially attuned and that the intercepting army messages. Cardinal Maffi fail, the papacy goes on forever." It is impossible.—Popular Mechanics, April, 1913.

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Booker T. Washington, the well known head of Tuskegee (Alabama) Institute for the colored race, says: "The black man needs no sympathy or pity. I thank God that I belong to a race that has its problem to solve and is solving it instead of going about whining about it. A short time ago I paid a visit to Italy, and there I observed a race that has been free for hundreds of years, and yet 39 per cent of its people cannot read or write. In Spain 60 per cent and in Portugal 76 per cent cannot read or write. When Mr. Lincoln freed my race only 3 per cent were literate. Now 63 per cent can read and write. The problem is being solved faster than anybody living away from the South can realize. It has taken us some time to adjust ourselves to changed conditions, but the readjustment is taking place."—Leslie's Weekly.

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Rome never sleeps! And when we realize that this vast Catholic population—6,668,404 in four states, and 15,154,158 in the union—owes and owns allegiance to a foreign politico-ecclesiastic potentate, the pope of Rome, whose avowed purpose is to destroy our liberty and overthrow our free school and religious rights, we may begin to see our helpless condition. Every one of these fifteen millions of Catholics are grounded in the doctrine, too, and have strong religious convictions for which the most, if not all, of them will fight if necessary. Our Protestant communicants, on the other hand, because of lack of religious teaching, are void of any strong convictions, as compared with the Catholics. They have spent their moments in entertainments and frolics, Sunday School "contests" and "sweetpea" prizes, political philosophizing and sensational sermonettes; while the Catholics have lost no time in such foolishness but have utilized every moment in branding their doctrines into the souls of their adherents. —Word of Truth.

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We are again in receipt of some very interesting annonymous letters in which we are warned to cease speaking so unkindly of the priests. These writers claim we should always speak very reverently of these "holy" men and call them "father." Well, now, that depends. In the first place calling any man father is positively forbidden in Holy Writ and as we profess a firm belief in and a high regard for this old book we decline to disobey it. In the next place these old celibates are sworn by all that is good and bad not to be fathers, and surely they would not have us tell lies on them and accuse them of being something they are solemnly sworn not to be. However, we will agree upon a compromise: if one of these dear old "saints" will bring us the proof—the real proof—that he is daddy of anything or anybody we will give him due credit for it and make all necessary corrections. Now, what do you say gentlemen? Either show up or shut up. If you have the proof trot it out and we will shut up. See?—The Patriot.

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Cardinal Farley called on President Wilson last week and Cardinal Gibbons is slated to pay his respects to the president this week. Just what business these two gentlemen may have with the president is not disclosed, but we venture to suggest that it is no place for them. Any business they may have at the seat of this country's political activities will be regarded with more or less suspicion. The White House is no place for ministers of God, vicars of Christ on earth, etc., etc., whatever their denomination. Imagine the meek and lowly Nazarene "mosying" down to Washington to call on the president of the United States either for political discussion or the discharge of social amenities. President Wilson has thus far demonstrated himself entirely equal to handling any problem that comes before him with justice and fairness to all. He is in no need of suggestions from ecclesiastical or other politicians. In fact, he so declared himself when upon assuming office he assured the people that his time belonged to them, that he purposed using it in their service and that when he wished to see politicians he would notify them to that effect.—Truth, (Buffalo, N. Y.)

BOYCOTTING THE MASONS.

The Menace, Aurora, Mo.:

Last Saturday, April 12th, the cornerstone of the new Mount Moriah Temple in North St. Louis was laid, with appropriate Masonic ceremonies, by the Grand Master of Missouri, Most Worshipful Brother Lampert, under the assistance of the grand officers and with the co-operation of about 5,000 Master Masons, chapter, commandery and consistory Masons.

This magnificent parade, five city blocks in length, marched about five miles in very raw and rainy April weather, clothed in white aprons and gloves, and presented a significant proof of devotion to Masonic duty.

Under gusts of wind and frequent showers, the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the craft were exemplified, and when the grand master, after due examination by his officers, had found the stone to be true, plumb, square and level, and gave it as his order that the craftsmen had done good work, he introduced the Rev. Dr. Williamson, former Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri as the orator of the day.

Right Worshipful and Reverend Brother Williamson, in an eloquent and rhetorically beautiful address reviewed the history of the Mount Moriah Temple Association and gave many a hearer in the multitude, in a few crisp sentences, a new and most beautiful conception of our royal craft, its history, aims and purposes.

Masterful orator that he is, our Right Worshipful Brother Williamson touched his hearers deeply as he unfolded some of the beautiful landmarks of our craft to the spiritual gaze of the multitude, many of whom had turned out merely in a spirit of scoffing or curiosity, for be it remembered, we were in the heart of the enemy's territory.

We Masons were electrified into a wave of interminable applause when the orator stated that Freemasonry, since its origin, had stood, stands now, and will until the end of time, stand for religious toleration; that it has always, and will always insist upon the entire and complete separation of church and state, and that every individual Mason, will, if need compels him to, lay down his life for the defense of these principles.

As an excuse, and in explanation of the foregoing lengthy account of this momentous occasion of this masterly and manful declaration of principles, I desire to call to the attention of your readers the scantiness of the reports of the St. Louis dailies. The Globe Democrat devoting about thirty lines—never mentioning a word of the address—and in comparison, call your attention to the minute details employed in the reporting of the most insignifiant details of the illness of the pope.

Truly our dailies are getting in a bad way when an event like the one reported in the foregoing receives only passing notice, whereas any Roman event, no matter how unimportant, as long as it keeps the name of the Roman church before the public, is given the utmost consideration and space.

I do not know who owns our St. Louis dailies, but all of them are in the same boat in regard to this question of giving great preference to Roman news, and it is time that we, as Freemasons, should demand the publicity justly due our humanitarian and patriotic efforts. Fraternally yours,

A Member of Erwin Lodge No. 121, A. F. and A. M.

FREE SPEECH UPHELD.

Paterson, N. J., April 5.—Justice James F. Minturn, of the supreme court of New Jersey today freed William D. Haywood and Adolph Lessig, leaders of the great Paterson silk strike, from a charge of "unlawful assembly."

The court's decision established the right of free speech and peaceful assembly on the part of the strikers. It was greeted by applause in the crowded courtroom, and by prolonged cheering from the thousands of strikers scattered about the streets near the court house.

In rendering his decision, Justice Minturn said in part:

"While it is of vital importance in a community constituted as this is, of a large working class population, including people of all nationalities, for all of us to see that law and order be maintained, it is of equal importance for us to inculcate the idea that when these people come to this land to find the betterment of their condition denied them in their native countries, they shall be treated with consideration and taught to respect our laws by their just and impartial administration.

"The right of free speech under proper restriction is one of the inalienable rights of the people. It is guaranteed under all our constitutions, federal and state."

THE RED LIGHT.

The Menace is in receipt of a copy of "THE RED LIGHT," published at Wilkesboro, N. C. It is a fearless nonsectarian religious danger signal, issued monthly at 25 cents a year. Its mission, as set forth in its columns, is to expose hypocrisy in the churches, restore the "old-time religion," and fight to the last ditch the temporal encroachment of Roman Catholicism in the United States. It is a warm publication and worthy of the patronage of people who want to read vital religious matter right off the reel. Its editor does not get behind a tree to talk.

PENNSYLVANIA POSTMASTERS.

Editor the Menace, Aurora, Mo.:

We have been readers of your paper for some time, and find it very ready to publish different articles on religion.

We have investigated the eighty-four appointments made by President Taft for postmasters in Pennsylvania, in the last three months of his administration, and find every one of them competent and qualified for the position as postmaster, and all Protestants.

All of these eighty-four appointments were held up by the democratic senators, and were not confirmed by the United States senate. The democrats have found no reason for so doing only that they think some good democrats will be able to fill them.

President Wilson has consented to take the political boss bidding and fill them up with democrats, and the greater part of them Catholics.

Your paper has been very ready to publish statements relative to the republican administration appointing Catholics to office, now we have the following for you:

These eight-four postmasterships that the democrats claim will be filled with democrats have been investigated and we find out of these eighty-four that seventy-two have been decided upon, and fifty-eight of them are Catholics, and have the endorsements that will put them in office.

Now we ask the Menace to get busy and help us Pennsylvanians out of this affair as you helped the republican party out last fall.

Your paper has made a protest against former appointments that were Catholic; we ask you to protest now in the state of Pennsylvania. These Catholics will take the place of old soldiers that have held office for years, and were re-appointed on merits now to be replaced by democratic Catholics.

We have evidence of one appointment that the party said he would destroy any bundles of the Menace he could get a hold of, and not get into trouble over it. They are against the Menace. A great many of the patriots are against the parties that will be appointed. Yours for success.

HARRY A. CARRIER.
JOHN N. ASHLAND.

A WARNING CRY BY AN EX-ROMAN WOMAN.

"A burned child dreads the fire," says an old adage, and it is certain that those who have been torn by the beast have a wholesome fear of its claws.

Readers of the following letter, from a woman escaped from its mental and moral slavery, can appreciate her feelings and how her words seem to be tremulous with aprehension and wet with her tears. No one knows how hatred has followed her wherever she has gone, and how the wolves in sheep clothing dogged her footsteps with threatening snarl. Read the letter:

Quincy, Ill., April 4, 1913.

Editor The Menace, Aurora, Mo.:

Relative to an article in the Menace of March 8th, I am horrified at the thought of conditions at Washington, D. C. A Catholic private secretary for our president.

Are some Americans blind to their own future, as well as the future of their children? No possible good can come of such conditions. Yet American men, in general, are so slow to see ahead of these underhanded, far-sighted, silent workers plotting for a place they are born and bred to win.

American men do not believe such work is going on around them, even when they are told. Why don't they wake up?

Americans are not taught and raised to a life of the most silent deception on earth, and they refuse to believe it exists—even when it exists in their own homes and with their own children. They won't believe until it is too late, and then through the most heart-rending ordeal on earth they see their own children—their own flesh and blood—walk forth and bow to the Catholic church, its orders, and the pope. They are then one of its members, and no power on earth could tear them away.

Thus: American men are shown! Why can they not listen and look before it is too late?

One can only understand President Wilson's act of having a Catholic secretary when they realize and know the un-alertness of American men's minds.

Is there no way on earth to open President Wilson's eyes? Perhaps there might be a chance to do this through his wife—if she be a loyal American woman—as she should be. Do try this anyway for the sake of benefit and safety to our beautiful America. (His wife has a Catholic secretary.—Ed.)

This letter comes from an American woman who has escaped the Catholic religion. You may use it to the best advantage to get word to President Wilson. Would suggest a letter to Mrs. Wilson simply asking her to give you an address whereby a letter would reach her hands and no one else. Then write a second, explaining the American people's desire. Yours respectfully.

WHEN ROME HAS SPOKEN.

In his encyclical issued in the second year of his pontificate, Leo XIII., says: "As prince and master, Thomas Aquinas far outshines every one of the scholastic doctors. There is no part of philosophy that he has not handled fully and thoroughly. His treatises on the modern system of liberty, which, in our time, is tending to license, on the divine origin of authority, on the laws and their binding force, on the fatherly, just government of sovereign princes, on obedience to the higher powers, etc., and other subjects of a like nature treated of by him, have a great and invincible influence in rooting out the new principles of right, which are recognized as dangerous to order, peace, and public safety."

Thomas Aquinas says: "Human government is derived from divine and should imitate it. For the temporal power is subject to the spiritual as the body to the soul, therefore, it is not a usurpation of jurisdiction if a spiritual prelate intrudes himself into temporal affairs. And such laws (which are opposed to divine law) should in no way be observed."

In the Syllabus of Errors, the infallible Pope Pius IX., said: "It is an error to hold that, in the case of conflicting laws between the two powers, the civil law ought to prevail."

We do well to keep in mind the words of Gambetta, who said: "Always remember that our enemy is clericalism."

"When Rome has spoken, that is the end of the matter," said Augustine.

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