

ROME AND THE IRISH CATHOLICS

OR months we have been watching the spasmodic outbreaks of hysterical patriotism with which the forum and press of the Catholic church has been afflicted the country.

To read their gushing effusions one would think, if they did not know better, that all there is to America is due to the Catholic church, and especially to those of Irish persuasion.

These last are never over modest in their claims and in this instance their efforts are worth provoking.

To prove their claims they cite the name of every person of prominence of Irish descent, in America at the time of the Revolutionary war. And to them they add the names of every man whom their fertile imagination suppose to be possessed of Celtic blood of the forty-seventh generation.

General Sullivan, Colonel Stark, John Hancock, and nearly every other patriot of the days that tried men's souls are reported to have been Irish, and the inference is left that all were Catholics and their patriotism the product of Catholic training.

True there were many Irish, and men who were of more or less Irish descent, both among the leaders and the rank and file of the Revolutionary Army.

Braver men and purer patriots never lived than these same Scotch Irish Dissenters and Presbyterians, and other Irish who had shaken off the shackles of popery and become Americans in purpose and feeling.

In these days a Catholic Irishman coming to America, soon learned to think for himself and the "church" lost him; or at least his children or grandchildren.

So true is this, that two or three years ago Catholic writers were asserting that if the Catholic church in the United States could have held its own, it would now number 40,000,000 instead of 16,000,000.

There are millions of people in the United States today of more or less Irish descent, and not one-third of them are Roman Catholics.

The claim is made that the Catholics furnished one-half of the soldiers of the Continental Army and that without them, this country would yet be a group of foreign colonies.

According to statistics furnished by Catholic authorities there were only 27,000 Catholics in the United States several years after the Revolutionary war.

Figuring upon the same basis as other people are reckoned upon, the Catholics could not have furnished over 2,500 or 3,000 to the Continental Army. If these were one-half, Washington must have fought the war of 1776 with less than 6,000 soldiers, all told, first and last.

Some fighting wasn't it! And the Catholics did the most of it, so they say. Did Washington give the order, Forward Catholics and free America! We never heard of it.

Perhaps he leaned back in his saddle and remarked to his aides: Just see those Catholics fight! He might have done so; but we doubt it.

And the war of 1812. There's where they covered themselves with glory. No mistake about it.

Somehow though, details are painfully lacking, except that there were mighty few Irish Catholics among the Tennessee riflemen.

And the Mexican war. They were there too. Of course they were.

Among the troops from the Southern states were hundreds of the descendants of the Huguenots and Irish Presbyterians. Men whose forefathers had fought at King's Mountain and other places.

privilege of leading the volunteer storming party in the attack on Roanoke Island and who fell dead, his sword in hand?

His body was brought back to the little country town in New York, where he had lived, and buried in the church yard of the church of which he was pastor.

Scenes as a Presbyterian, and the Presbyterians church has never, either by pulpit or press, claimed credit as a sect, on account of his deeds.

He was one of their ministers who fell in doing what to him was an act due his men and his country.

They loved him and mourned for his loss and passed on to their work for the living. That was all.

And Benton was not the only chaplain outside the Catholic church who served his country and never boasted about it.

And they furnished soldiers to the United Army, as they say. As a church they did not. Thousands of the members of the Catholic church enlisted just as other men did. Though there was an effort made to consolidate some of these Irish Catholics in separate organizations, such as the Irish Brigade and the wonderful 69th New York Volunteers, of which they crow so loudly.

The 69th New York was a wonder and did some won-der-ful things, as they say at Bull Run, Gettysburg, etc. And to aid in compiling the history of that regiment, we would inquire which battle of Bull Run it was, where a part of the 69th, saved their gas?

Did they join the race for Washington? Where was the enemy, before them or behind them?

The 69th New York was all right and did good service after it was "licked into shape" and the men learned to keep clear of the guard house.

What about the other New York regiment, mainly composed of the young men of Protestant families of Southern New York, who in forty-five days after receiving their baptism of fire found their line cut over to forty and only one commissioned officer in the regiment on his feet?

Their general ordered them off the field to keep the regiment from being wiped out.

They were not the only ones who did their duty. And no church, north or south, ever thought of making the deeds of these men a sectarian asset, except the Catholic church.

Yes, there were brave Catholic churchmen in the Civil war, but more of them slayed at home and did their fighting in the bar rooms, at night jacks, in rioting crowds, or with Billy in the kitchen.

It was well understood at the time that in the interior of New York and Pennsylvania the Irish Catholic element was noted for its "stay at home" quality.

The shillalah then, as now, was safer than the sword, and they could throw rocks and bricks and break up meetings then just as they do now.

The spirit of this element was well shown in the little incident in '64 when on the outskirts of a little New York town a mob largely composed of Irish Catholics tore down the stars and stripes and dragged them in the dirt and then ran like sheep when they were chased by two half dressed unarmed men.

Brave boys, they were! When cheered by the bar room call.

This element of the church was at its best in the New York City draft riot in '63.

chance of pottin' on some dope out your way?"

Loney, the "star funny man" of the system suggested that it was timely, as since receiving THE MENACE, the "Father" was no doubt in the pugilistic class, and ready to hear from all comers in the sport line.

The late pope Pius for whom masses are still being said, blessed the Italian war with Turkey and all the British leaders bitterly denounced the Masons and the Socialists who opposed it. Now they are denying this fact and are pretending to work for peace. How pure, Benedict can now have his fling as the "Prince of Peace representative" with the great influence they attribute to him over his "children," why doesn't he do the magnificent thing of putting an end to the European war in order to deserve a peace prize? If it is such an easy matter to communicate Catholics who do not send their children to the parochial schools, why could he not have excommunicated Catholic Austria and thus prevented war? The American Catholics should explain why this was not done!

The religious prejudice committee of the local lodge Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis, Ind., made a report dealing with THE MENACE of July 17 in which was mentioned the name of Hans Schmidt, priest and murderer. The committee objects to our saddling such crimes upon the church and stated in its report that "We need a system of classification by which we can know our friends and the caliber and range of the enemies of the church." In other words the Knights need a more comprehensive black list and white list so that they may put pressure in the proper place at the proper time. We knew they used the gas but did not expect them to admit it.

Scenes witnessed at Lourdes, France, and at the famous shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Canada, were presented at the Catholic church of St. Anne, Lehigh avenue and Memphis street, this morning. But there were no miracles! So says the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, July 26, 1915. There were no miracles. The parade which immediately preceded the solemn high mass on the occasion was led by an Italian brass band and a detail of police. Blue coated officers of the law lend their pompous presence to a pagan and superstitious practice calculated to hold the ignorant and glibble populace in the embrace of an avicious and arrogant church. Enough said.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL DELUSION

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From the Christian Witness, July 22, 1915.

OK people are asleep on many vital propositions, touching life and morals, but on no point do we seem to be so incapable of being aroused as on the question of Catholicism in general, and Catholic schools in particular.

One must be in school work to know the extent to which this idea has grown; on the other hand, one must know the spirit and animus of Rome to understand why she has dotted her land with academies and convent schools, and building display all vestiges of Protestantism.

Someone who doubts the situation touching the relation of two systems of education should explain how it is that our Protestant school must put men in the field and campaign as vigorously as a candidate seeking office. By so doing they can scarcely make "tongue and buckle meet." Some do not make them meet. But a score of "Sacred Hearts," "St. Vincent's," "St. Cecilia's," "St. Mary's," and "Holy Rosaries" remain quietly behind their ivy stone walls, and have all the girls they want. Why ever met up with an agent out drumming for some convent or Saint Somebody? We have been doing work for our schools several seasons—in this and other States—and we have the first one to fear.

They don't have to get out and hustle; our blind, deluded Protestant fathers and mothers act as their advance agents—that is so much better. So long as the delusion remains as it is we can do the hustling and they get the girls. We wonder if all our preachers see this thing in its true perspective. Here and there we find Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Christian-Campbellite girls attending convents. One rule of our ministerial career we have religiously lived up to: Protestant girl within the bounds of this preacher's bullock gets off to a Catholic school without our vigorous protest. At such time we are Protestant in deed and in truth. Mark could be done by our pastors to counteract this dangerous idea, but not all—the delusion is upon us.

We never meet one of our Protestant victims of convent delusion without quietly getting from them all the information possible. Here are a few items which some of our pious fathers and mothers ought to let filter into their glib matter receptacles, if possible. In one convent there were 140 boarders—70 per cent of them were Protestant girls. In another there were 20 Protestant girls—17 of them joined the Catholic church, two were taken out to prevent them from joining. But the harm was done; those girls are ruined for any usefulness in the future to their own denominations.

One once had a neighbor who was a zealous member of the Presbyterian church; their daughter, young and beautiful, had graduated from a convent. Frequently we have known her to leave home on some pretext; then with prayer book which had been concealed—burry to the Catholic church, several blocks away. Those same parents had stoutly defended their action—as the choir of school—declaring that their daughter's church affiliations were unmoled. They never knew the truth. This same girl could not have passed an examination for a certificate to teach a country school; she was incapable of writing a correct sentence in English. She had gotten what Rome seeks to give: not education, but training in the glory of the "Holy Catholic church."

We once had a friend who was a converted priest, having spent nine years in their colleges and seminaries. He was deemed ignorant of the Bible, and confessed that his ignorance of any true learning was a source of mortification to him. We have never known a woman, educated in a Catholic school, who ever put it into practical use. They go out, and just imagine they are educated. This discussion, with its object lessons and living examples, might be prolonged indefinitely; but we wish to make some general observations and deductions as to why Protestants ought not, under any circumstances, patronize Catholic schools.

First—ROME DOES NOT BELIEVE IN EDUCATION. This is a strong statement, but absolutely true. Outside of Protestant countries she does not pretend to educate the masses. Rome has blighted with the curse of ignorance every country she has fully controlled. Every Latin country on earth substantiates this statement. Rome, in her present ecclesiastical role, has had undisputed sway in Italy for sixteen centuries, and 85 per cent of her people are illiterate. If she believes in education, why does she fight to the bitter end our public schools? The reason is obvious—the public schools educate; the parochial school does not—only pacifies and keeps the blight of the church upon the people. Rome cannot afford to educate; her meat and drink are ignorance and superstition. Rome is forced to make appearances in countries where the masses seek education.

Second—We venture a still stronger statement: ROME CANNOT GIVE A LIBERAL EDUCATION. The reason for this lies more in the system than in the motives of their teachers. How can their priests and sisters impart what they do not possess? Under the limelight of a broad, liberal education, Rome would disintegrate; a system that holds an iron grip censor on every book, every study their people pursue, cannot be other than narrow and faulty. There are some branches upon which Catholic schools place great emphasis; but think of Rome teaching an authentic work on the history of civilization or of the church. These two branches are the foundation of an education. The paganism and false dogmas of Rome could not stand in the light of true learning; no one knows this better than Rome and her emissaries. The mythologies of ancient Rome are as ra-

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diomed as the dogmas and tenets of Christ (1) Rome. When we make the statement that Rome cannot educate, we mean exactly that. Three facts are further proof. (1) Because her teachers, men and women, are the exponents of a system that grows and flourishes on the ignorance and gullibility of the communists; teaching can go only so far and no farther. (2) Our Protestant pupils get the same bill of fare as they give their own. Only those who have felt the pulse and animosity of Protestant education can know the facilities and shallowness of Catholic schools. (3) A system that eliminates the Bible as a fundamental part of the curriculum is a shell without a kernel—bark without the sap. Not only is the Bible kept from the people, but the priests and sisters are themselves ignorant of the Word. A converted priest who had been trained from academy to seminary told the writer that three weeks would cover all the study he had had of the previous book. The facts are, for thoroughness and breadth, the Catholic schools are not in the same class with our own schools.

Third—and we wish we could make this point sufficiently strong to penetrate the muddled brains of otherwise good people: ALL THE KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY SHOWN OUR GIRLS, WHILE UNDER THEIR TUITION, IS PREMEDITATED HYPOCRISY. Catholic girls have confessed the partiality shown Protestant girls. They are the most consummate proselyters on earth, but they do it by indirect methods. Rome never fights in the open until she has the server of power. This indirect method is the hope that hoodwinks the parents and unsophisticated daughters. Rome is organized from the pope to the humblest member of the Knights of Columbus; they are not for education, salvation or civilization, but to bring wealth and power to the "Woman" described in Revelation.

Fourth—We must keep in mind that ROME BIDS ONLY FOR OUR GIRLS. They make no effort to reach our boys. When the womanhood is loyal to the church she has no fear of the future. In this she shows a deep-laid scheme. The shortest route for winning a nation to this cult is by winning the future mothers; this she is seeking to do with all the Jesuit duplicity.

Fifth—The old-time Philistines were no more under the ban of religious exclusiveness than we are regarded by the millions of the Vatican. Every Protestant parent, not married by a priest, is living in adultery; the very girls we place in their care, bestowing smiles and caresses upon them as they do, are nothing less than illegitimate children. Protestants who deny this advertise their ignorance. Catholics who deny it are wiful perjurers.

Sixth—Catholics are careful never to place their girls in Protestant schools; the priest controls that matter, when he issues one of his ultimatums; but Protestants ignore the advice of their pastors. The exceptions to this rule—even to our public schools—are when the church has practically lost its grip upon them.

Seventh—By patronizing Catholic schools we are placing money, influence and prestige into the hands and coffers of the most treacherable and dangerous menace with which our country must sooner or later reckon. The rule of Rome means death to our free institutions and blood-bought privileges. In all history there is not one exception. "Rome never changes." Step by step we are passing the scepter back to the hand which swung the sword and dagger on St. Bartholomew's Day, leaving behind 100,000 murdered Protestants; back to the "synagogue of Satan," which could institute the hellish inquisition for many centuries, and her ropes sing the Te Deum after the butcheries.

THE MENACE is welcomed as Manna from Heaven by your readers in Catholic-cursed California. Here, as nowhere else on the free soil of our republic, is the light of liberty obliterated and the principles upon which our government was based trodden under foot by the minions of an Old World monarch, who wears a crown of absolute despotism, and from his throne in the Vatican wields the scepter of power over untold obedient and benighted millions in the New World.

Here, the Free School is spurned, the right of the Y. M. C. A. to celebrate our natal day anniversary antagonized, "retreats" for conspirators against America and American institutions established and utilized, and federal, state, county and municipal offices are filled with Jesuits, as will be noted by the current number of "The Leader," a fanatical Jesuit sheet published under the auspices of the Catholic church, which I am mailing you under separate cover.

U. S. Senator James D. Phelan is a representative type of the parochial school product, and he demonstrates his training by uncompromising antagonism to everything that does not savor of priestcraft. Governor Hiram W. Johnson, a "Shriner," has joined the minority of Masons who have gambled away their loyalty for the political support of Catholicism. One of the judges of our supreme court is a Catholic, as is evidenced by his hand-writing in many notable decisions. The legislature is strongly Catholic, and 75 per cent of our city and county officials are Catholics, including our superior and inferior judges. Franklin Griffin, a Jesuit, was unmercifully defeated at the polls for Superior Judge in 1914. Before the vote was canvassed, our Masonic Governor Johnson, appointed him a Superior Judge to fill a vacancy, in the very teeth of the people's vigorous protest at the polls. The County Superintendent of Schools and the School Board are Catholic.

To make their power more complete and effectual, the Jesuits of California have organized a secret order named the "Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West," which is used for both business gain and political preferment, to the detriment of alien born who are not Catholics. This is keeping thousands of

people and millions of dollars away from California. To combat this vampire, a great tidal wave of American patriotism is sweeping across the valleys of California, from the Sierras to the Sea. "The Bear Flag," that emblem of treason to the government which has been adopted as the official banner of the "Native Sons and Daughters," and which has floated on many occasions above the Stars and Stripes, is being pulled down, and once again the flag of the free is unfurled to the breeze. Patriots are organizing. "None but Americans on guard tonight" is the watch word. The power of Rome is crumbling. The whims of Benedict XV at the savage butchery of Catholics by Catholics in the European war, the direct result of Catholic teachings and tendencies, is the signal for the dawn of a new day and the enlightenment of mankind from the mists of superstition and bigotry.

The Catholic controlled Exposition, which has given the Knights of Columbus precedence over a new and invincible patriotic organization and the silly ravings of members of the "Native Sons and Daughters," have disgusted the intelligence of civilization, and cost both the Exposition and the state of California an army of good people and untold treasures of capital.

But California will be free! Mark the prediction.

AMERICAN.

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