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A COMMON CRANE

It may seem discourteous to allude to an Episcopal Bishop by the above title, but the latest outbreak of Rt. Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, Bishop of Buffalo, justifies one in so alluding to him.

Monsieur—During the past twelve months you have continued to place yourself before the American people in a manner alike aggressive and offensive.

Since you have come to the city where I dwell and where no inconsiderable number of its prominent citizens look to me as their chief pastor, I cannot permit your intrusive and gratuitous teachings to be placed before my people without a courteous but firm rejoinder.

My people profess the Catholic religion, but they are proud and happy to be reckoned among their Protestant fellow citizens in all civil relations. It was to define this fact of brotherhood with the American people and of loyalty to their constitution which embodies principles that Protestant nations only have professed or maintained that our fathers accepted a local and civil name for our American church.

But that name defines our civil estate.—The Nicene creed defines our religion. I shall therefore express myself as a Christian bishop should, but I shall speak as one jealous of the freedom which it has cost our forefathers so much to purchase and to perpetuate.

I trust many of them will aid me to awaken my countrymen to the fact that it is a band of secret conspirators against all liberty and all laws. I shall prove that it is the duty of all free people to limit and control, if not banish the Jesuits from their coasts.

THERE IS SOME BIGOTRY.

A study of the vote for assemblyman in the Second District of Monroe county at the recent election discloses the fact that there is some bigotry in Rochester. Mr. O'Grady, the Republican candidate, ran behind the head of the Republican state ticket in every ward except the Fifth. There was no open antagonism to Mr. O'Grady within his own party.

If we make allowance for the large number of Catholic Democrats who voted for Mr. O'Grady because of the attack made upon him by the A. P. A., it is evident that there are a large number of Republicans in the city who will out a candidate simply because he is a Catholic.

THE APART AND THE ASS

As we have already mentioned, one of our Catholic exchanges refers to the members of the A. P. A. as "American Prejudiced Asses." A number of other contemporaries in alluding to the A. P. A.ists compare them to the same animal—the Great American Ass.

It seems to us that this comparison is not just to all parties. In fact, it does great injustice to the last named animal. Truly he has cause to realize the truth of the oft quoted "Comparisons are odious."

We fail to find that there are a sufficient number of points of similarity between the apart and the ass—beg pardon the ass and apart—to justify one for making such a comparison. Possibly the ass is stupid. On that one point there is something in common between the two species of animal, but there the resemblance ends.

THE DELEGATE'S VISIT

The diocese of Rochester received its first visit from the Apostolic Delegate last Friday. Although his stay was necessarily brief, Monsignor Satolli was given an opportunity to observe the flourishing state of religion in this diocese as evidenced by the magnificent institutions built and equipped by the generous and loyal Catholics—both lay and cleric of this diocese.

Monsignor Satolli was more than pleased with St. Bernard's Seminary, and was amazed and gratified at the excellent character of the parochial schools. He had not sufficient time to visit them all, but he did visit St. Patrick's school. While there the children were put through the fire drill and the building was emptied of pupils in two minutes. To find the schools of the common people so well equipped was a revelation to the Delegate. He expressed his delight at the pleasing surprise. He thought St. Patrick's school the best school of its kind in America. Once more Rochester has reason to feel proud of its schools.

The Union and Advertiser covered itself with glory last Saturday by issuing a thirty-two page illustrated edition. It gave portraits of all attaches holding positions of importance on the staff from the president and editor down. Taken altogether it was a credit to Rochester journalism.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

Official Organ C. M. B. A. All communications to this department should be addressed to Rev. T. H. Donovan. GRAND PRESIDENT FINNEY RESIGNS

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New York Grand Council, held in Buffalo, Nov. 13th, 1893, the following communication was received and read by the Grand Secretary:

Sire:—I herewith tender my resignation as Grand President of said Association, the same to take effect on the first day of January, 1894.


On a call of the roll the resignation was unanimously accepted. BROTHER JAMES D. EGAN

THE GOSPELS. GOSPEL, St. Matthew 13:31-35. At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to the multitudes, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; which is the least indeed of all seeds, but when it is grown up it is greater than all herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and dwell in the branches thereof. Another parable He spoke to them: The kingdom of heaven is like to leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. All these things Jesus spoke in parables to the multitudes: and without parables He did not speak to them; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world."

St. Hilary tells us that by the grain of mustard seed our Lord Jesus Christ Himself is meant. Though the grain of mustard seed is capable of extraordinary development, it is among the smallest of seeds. So Jesus Christ, though He is to be worshiped by the whole world, yet He humbled, humiliated, annihilated Himself so as to appear weak, afflicted of God, a worm and not a man, the opprobrium of the Gentiles; and a stumbling-block to the multitude.

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The Tendency Toward Catholicism. Cardinal Gibbons was recently asked if there were many conversions to the Catholic faith. "Great numbers," he said. "There is no parade made over those who come in, because, in the first place, we recognize that it is the work of God and that our priests are but the instruments, and then it is distasteful to most of those who enter the church to have the matter talked about. We therefore discourage any mention of particular converts. There are everywhere signs of a return to the old church not only in the extraordinary growth of ritualism, but in the proceedings of sects formerly bitterly antagonistic to our institutions and practices." "Thus, for instance, there has been lately established in the Methodist church the Order of Deaconesses. What is this but a copy of our once revived sisterhood? And not only have the Methodists now their sisterhood, but the Presbyterians are also discussing the establishment of similar orders, and their formation is only a question of time. The general tendency is toward Catholicism, slowly, but steadily and unmistakably. We should have many more conversions among Protestant ministers for one thing—the celibacy of our clergy. There are men longing to enter the fold of Christ, but they have wives and children to care for, a living to make and friends to lose. In their hearts they are true Catholics."

The Crucades. In the dreary wastes which are presented to one who looks over the political and religious-political plane in France, it is as a gushing of water from a rock in the arid desert to see a celebration of the memory of a hero of Christianity, the ring of whose voice summoned a world to arms.

We go back in thought to earlier times. The forces of Islam threaten to extinguish from the world the faith of Christ. The papacy stands in the van to oppose the assault on the cause of God; to secure the freedom of man; to prevent the debasement of woman; to uphold the reign of virtue and hurl back the tide of lust that threatened to engulf the purity of Christian life. Urban II sat in the chair of Peter. He was a Frenchman. From the watch tower of the church he saw the menace to the faith. He was a Benedictine, a monk of Cluny. Under his permission Peter the Hermit, a Frenchman, a monk, preached the first crusade—a crusade raised in response to the cry, "God wills it," which set the first of a long succession of armies in the field for the preservation of Christendom. Urban, a Frenchman, sitting in the papal chair, inspired the first crusade; Peter the Hermit, a Frenchman, with a fiery cross in hand aroused Europe to battle for its cause.

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