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### A PLAIN STATEMENT

In the present campaign, for the first time since its establishment, the JOURNAL has departed from its usual editorial policy of non-intervention in political affairs. It has never in the past taken sides with one or the other of the great political parties so far as to advise its readers as to which they should support. So long as the questions dividing the American people into two political camps were simply of an economic nature, so long as no great moral issue was involved in the battles of the parties, we have deemed it fitting for a Catholic paper to remain neutral.

Now, however, through no fault of the Catholic citizens of the State or nation, religious questions enter into the contest and under such circumstances that no Catholic paper can remain neutral if it be true to its mission.

A state of affairs exists whereby one party stands as the champion of that religious freedom which is guaranteed to all citizens by the Constitution of the United States, while the other party has become the secret ally of an organization which aims to deprive Catholics of their constitutional rights. It is not because the true character of this proscription organization is understood that it has been able to form such an alliance with one of the great political parties; it is not because the attention of the leaders of that party has not been called to the necessity of placing themselves on record with regard to the principles advocated and the methods employed by this organization, that they have remained silent.

The objects and methods of the American Protective Association to which we refer have been exposed from Maine to Florida and from Boston to San Francisco.

It is known that the prime movers in the organization of this association are Canadian Orangemen. It is known that the oath taken by the members forbids them to vote for a Catholic candidate for any office, no matter how worthy the candidate may be or how well qualified for the office to which he aspires. It is known that they even swear they will never employ a Catholic in any capacity when they can secure the services of a Protestant. So much for their principles. As to their methods it has been proven that they will stoop to any means, no matter how disreputable, to work injury to their Catholic neighbors. They circulate forged encyclicals, by which their dupes are made to believe that the head of the Catholic Church is plotting to massacre all non-Catholics in these United States.

They publish spurious oaths which, they allege, are taken by priests, bishops and cardinals, in which the members of the clergy bind themselves to do all sorts of treasonable acts at the mere bidding of the Pope. They employ foul-mouthed lecturers to go from place to place and inveigle the ignorant and the superstitious with their lies. They have even sent the black lie...

ing immorality; that the gentle nuns who chose to live apart from the world are worse than the prostitutes on the street. It is known that this association has entered politics and attempted to dictate to our political parties in order to more easily and thoroughly carry out its un-American principles; in order to be better able to carry on its work of calumny and persecution.

These things—all of them—were known to the delegates to the recent Republican State Convention, yet they did not condemn this despicable association, as every citizen, Protestant or Catholic, Jew or Infidel, Republican or Democrat, should condemn it. Moreover, though urged by a number of Catholic Republicans to insert in their platform a mild resolution in favor of religious liberty, they refused—refused because they wished to gain the A. P. A. vote throughout the State; refused because at least one hundred of the delegates were themselves members of the A. P. A.; refused because, as is now plainly evident, the Republican party in this state and the A. P. A. are closely allied. If more evidence were needed to prove that such an alliance exists it is furnished in the silence of the Republican leaders and stamp speakers regarding the A. P. A. issue. Not a single Republican of any prominence has denounced this proscription organization or come out openly against it.

The attitude of the Democratic party, on the contrary, is one which reflects great credit on it. The State Convention adopted a strong resolution condemning proscription organizations: The fearless standard bearer of the Democracy, David B. Hill, scored the A. P. A. and similar organizations in the convention and he has continued to denounce it in every speech he has made since the campaign opened.

We believe these facts justify our course in advocating the election of the Democratic State candidates.

### THE FEROCITY OF APAISM

Do any of our readers believe that Apalism has been painted blacker than it really is? If so let them read this extract from a letter written by the Supreme President, in which he alludes to the Holy Father's Encyclical on Labor. It shows that the spirit of Apalism is truly a spirit of persecution and murder.

This new and gigantic conspiracy of the Jesuits exceeds in magnitude and diabolism anything ever before attempted by that detestable society; because, for the first time it involved the pope of Rome and his own secretary in a scheme whose outcome could not possibly be anything but universal war, immense bloodshed, and either the destruction of all social organizations now existing, or the extermination as floods and traitors of all the Jesuit spaw in the world. The scheme is the greatest plot of traitors yet discovered. My own opinion is that the time has come for putting a stop to such plotting, even though the bayonet, the sword, and the gibbet, should be called once more into general use. The Burtell gang and the Jesuits ought to be expelled from our territorial limits, and their property confiscated to the use of the free, non-sectarian schools of the country. And every Jesuit discovered among us after the expulsion, ought to be gibbeted as a spy and a traitor. That is the only way to deal with these genies. There is no use in mincing matters of this sort. Experience has shown that the Jesuit is a thing requiring heroic treatment.

There can be no peace so long as such beings are allowed to go in and out among our people, duping the ignorant, bribing the ambitious, intimidating the weak, corrupting the covetous, and paralyzing the functions of government. To tolerate such conspirators would be to invite inevitable ruin alike to society and to every individual Protestant. Undoubtedly this Mephistopheles is again walking up and down the earth seeking whom he may devour: and in his hideous wale, "Murder bares his arm, and rampant war Yokes the red dragons of his iron car."

Washington, Oct. 1.  
W. J. H. TRAYNOR.

Bishop Metz, of Denver, says in a recent pastoral: It is a fact which has called forth the amazement of the most remarkable men of our time; that an age like ours, and a country over which floats the American flag, should have fostered the A. P. A. monster.

### THE ROSARY

Infidels assert that piety and strength of character do not go together. Pope Leo is recognized as possessing one of the greatest intellects of the age. He is acknowledged to be one of the greatest men alive. Yet, with all his intellect and his greatness he is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of such pious devotions as the Rosary. In his latest Encyclical on that subject he says:

We rejoice to relate that our own age, laboring in many ways under dangers incidental to the times, has in like manner derived salutary fruit from the same source; but looking round, venerable brethren, you see yourselves that there still exist and are partly increasing reasons why zeal in appealing to the Heavenly Queen should by Our exhortation be stimulated amongst your flock. Add to this that as we fix our thoughts on the intimate character of the Rosary, the clearer its excellence and advantage appear to Us, the higher is raised the desire and hope that Our recommendation may have such an effect as that this most sacred devotion, long in the minds of the faithful by a more thorough acquaintance and increased by a more extended use, may flourish yet more abundantly. In promoting this purpose we shall not recall the various considerations respecting the same matter which we set forth in former years; it rather occurs to Us to refer upon and to point out by what an excellent design of Divine Providence it comes to pass that through the aid of the Rosary confidence as to the result of their petitions is pleasantly infused into the minds of those who pray and the maternal compassion of the benign Virgin for men responds to appeals by affording succour with the utmost bounty.

### ORGANIZE AND FIGHT

The Most Effective Manner to Crush the A. P. A. Movement

PENN YAN, N. Y., Oct. 15, '94. THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

The unmistakable attempts now being made to organize branches of the A. P. A. throughout the Empire State should not be ignored or lost sight of by the large body of Catholics living within its confines. There is no longer any attempt at concealment of the objects for which this oath-bound monstrosity is striving, and while a majority of those who are affiliated with the movement, especially in this state, dare not openly espouse the cause for which they are secretly working, there is no doubt but that the strength and influence of the society is steadily increasing. Among Catholics there is a wide difference of opinion as to the best method to employ in counteracting the effects of this evil. Many are of the opinion that if left alone the A. P. A. movement will soon die out of its own accord, and that any attempt on the part of Catholics to check its growth will only stimulate the members to still greater activity. To my mind this is a mistaken idea. It might as well be argued that it is folly to fight a contagious disease when it makes its appearance in a community, upon the theory that if left alone it would, in time, spend its force and subside. To those who hold this view, let me say, they have overlooked one very important consideration—the amount of damage inflicted before the end could possibly come. While it may be true that opposition to the accomplishment of any purpose will, to some extent, increase the interest of those directly in sympathy with such purpose, it is equally true that many men now numbered among the ranks of A. P. A. aim would tumble over each other in their haste to withdraw if they could, be made to feel that they could no longer work in the dark, and that the people against whom their influence is being directed, with malicious intent, were alive to the situation and united in an effort to stamp out every body connected with such a disreputable crusade—to unmask the arch conspirators—and compel them to face the public indignation and odium which is attached to such an un-American project. And the class thus coerced into a withdrawal would be men of more or less influence—business men of means and otherwise respectable—whose sudden "change of heart" would seriously impede the onward march of Know-nothingism in its new form. The question now arises, how can such a condition be brought about? My answer would be: Organize and fight A. P. A. aim wherever and in whatever form it makes its appearance. By this it must not be inferred that Catholics are advised to engage in personal conflicts with their avowed enemies, but that societies should be formed whose object would be to employ all honorable means to wipe out the A. P. A. movement and all it implies.

There arises in connection with this subject, another condition to

which brief mention will be made. It is the injection of religious prejudices into politics. No one deprecates more sincerely than your correspondent, the increasing tendency among political leaders to drag the religion of Christ into every political campaign worthy of note. Each succeeding year, upon some pretext or other, the two great parties vie with each other in an attempt to win the support of Catholics. Such a state of things is humiliating and some steps should be taken to put a stop to what in many instances has degenerated into a farce. There is no good reason why religion should be used as a football by politicians and in the name of the Catholic laity I desire to enter a vigorous protest against this prevailing custom. The struggle now on between the two parties in this state is one of great interest to Catholics, and there is at this time, some excuse for the prominence given to what is termed the religious liberty issue, because of the attitude of the contending forces toward the A. P. A. No Catholic can fail to admire the bold stand taken by the Democratic candidate for Governor, and a comparison of the Democratic and Republican platforms, with reference to the question, cannot but militate against the latter in the eyes of every liberty loving and patriotic American. Our sympathies go out to Mr. Hill and his associates in this grand battle, but while fully appreciating this noble service on the part of Senator Hill we cannot but deplore the fact that circumstances render such a course necessary. The only consolation to be expected from this episode is the knowledge that Mr. Hill is sincere in his fight against bigotry and infidelity. He is in no sense a hypocrite, but boldly proclaims his views and may be depended upon to stand by them to the last, regardless of the consequences to himself. The record of his remarkably successful life fully justifies this belief.

The prominence which the A. P. A. movement has now attained, in this state makes the duty of every Catholic plain. Were it not for the fact that any effort at this time to organize a state league, with subordinate branches in every parish, to fight A. P. A. aim would be misconstrued and made to appear in the light of a Democratic campaign dodge, it would urge such an undertaking at once, but for the reasons just stated it would seem advisable to postpone such action until after the November election, when Catholics can act in the matter without fear of having their motives impugned. In the meantime let every one interested give this subject careful study, keeping always in mind the old saying that "every cloud has a silver lining." Undue haste or hot-headedness must be carefully avoided if we wish to impress non-Catholics with the justice of our claims against the A. P. A.

### THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew ix. 18-26

At that time: "As Jesus was speaking these things unto them, behold a certain ruler came up, and adored Him, saying: Lord, my daughter is even now dead; but come, lay Thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus rising up followed him with His disciples. And behold a woman who was troubled with an issue of blood twelve years came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment. For she said within herself: If I shall touch only His garment, I shall be healed. But Jesus turning and seeing her, said: Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. And when Jesus was come into the house of the ruler, and saw the minstrels and the multitude making a rout He said: Give place, for the girl is not dead, but sleepeeth. And they laughed Him to scorn. And when the multitude was put forth, He went in and took her by the hand. And the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that country."

This Gospel may be understood in three senses: literal, allegorical, and moral. In a literal sense, because the facts related are literally true. In the second place, in an allegorical sense, because the facts are symbolic of still greater things in the order of grace; and, third, the same facts, taken in a moral sense, indicate things which we should do.

### Weekly Church Calendar

Sun. Oct. 21.—Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost. Maternity of the B. V. M. St. Hilarión, Abbot. SS. Ursula and Companions. Martyrs. Less. Ecclesi. xiv. 23-31; Gosp. Luke II. 43-51; Last Gosp. Matt. ix. 18-26.  
Monday 22.—Feria.  
Tuesday, 23.—Feria.  
Wednesday 24.—St. Raphael, Archangel.  
Thursday 25.—Office of the Blessed Sacrament. SS. Chrysanthus and Daria, Martyrs.  
Friday 26.—St. Evaristus, Pope and Martyr.  
Saturday 27.—Vigil of SS. Simon and Jude.

Vote for those who denounce proscription.

Vote against those who are afraid to denounce proscription.

Smash the A. P. A.—at the polls.

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This cozy comedy theatre falls into line with a big New York success, which opens here Oct. 25th for three nights and Saturday matinee only. It is the talented singing comedienne, Miss Eloise Willard and her splendid company of comedians in Herbert Hall Winslow's best musical comedy, "The Little Speculator." Every where the press write in high praise of it and the excellent company. Manager Foster promises there will be no advance in prices at the above attraction.

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