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**PRESBYTERIAN HARMONY.**

Our non-Catholic friends of the Presbyterian persuasion are not the happiest ecclesiastical family imaginable. The liberal group, better known as Briggsites, will not be kept down. Though beaten at the general assembly they are mean enough to keep up the fight and each year the liberals grow stronger and are more difficult to handle. Not all the liberals agree with Professor Briggs that the Scriptures are fallible and that there are portions of them not inspired; many of the liberals think the King James or the latest revised version of the Bible issued by the American Bible society is the sole Key to Heaven, the only exponent of God's law, but they side with Briggs because he represents a principle that they desire to prevail; that is the right of each Presbyterian to think for himself, to interpret the Bible as he pleases and to map out his own way to salvation, in other words to tell God Almighty on what conditions he is willing to go to Heaven.

Of course, it is not necessary to state that a great many of the Presbyterian conservatives do not accept all the creed of the sect they profess adherence to but they contend that a minister or teacher must either not make public such denial or else leave the Presbyterian communion. In other words they are willing that a man should preach that which he does not believe in order that what they consider church discipline may be strictly adhered to and not made a subject for public ridicule. These conservatives are inconsistent. They forget that the first, the Cardinal principle of the non-Catholic churches is that each individual member may think as he pleases that it was to be free to teach "heresy" that Martin Luther rebelled against the Catholic church. As a matter of fact, Dr. Briggs, Professor Lane and all the other Presbyterian recalcitrants are the lineal descendants, ecclesiastically speaking, of Martin Luther. If they are heretics, so was Luther. But non-Catholics hold up their hands in holy horror at the bare suggestion that Luther was a heretic. He, their idol, their uncanonized saint, a heretic! Perish the thought! Yet they go on and coolly declare such men as Dr. Briggs heretics and expel them from the Presbyterian denomination, for doing no more, no less than Martin Luther did. What a farce! Every non-Catholic "heretic" that is disciplined is a living contradiction of the specious plea put forth to attract proselytes that non-Catholics think as they please, that there is no restraint upon them and all they have to do to get to Heaven is to read the non-Catholic Bible, discover in it directions how to travel the particular way they desire to go and then go ahead. Each "heretic" expelled suggests to the man up a tree, the query: If Martin Luther were not a heretic then Dr. Briggs is not. If Martin Luther was a heretic then all non-Catholics are heretics and no half a dozen or over half a dozen

thousand of them have any right to declare heretics another half a dozen or as many thousands who maintain that they have as much right to their interpretation of this or that as the first lot.

If the Presbyterian Church could trace its ancestry back to the apostles, could it show an unbroken line of succession from Jesus Christ's death to the present time, then its excommunication of heretics would be of some weight. So long as it can only trace back to Martin Luther and Henry VIII, its convictions of "heresy" are a farce and Dr. Briggs can well afford to say they are as chaff before the wind.

**A MISGUIDED CONTEMPORARY.**

The Rochester "Herald" thought Mayor Lewis acted wisely in vetoing the appropriation made by the Board of Education for an addition to No. 14 school. The mayor gave as his reason that he did not believe in building up large schools. This was well enough for argument, although open to discussion, but the mayor ignored the fact that in No. 14 there are now three grades reciting in the attic while the other grades are so crowded that it is necessary to have part of the pupils recite in the halls. All this is bad and contrary to all principles of municipal economy. Such a condition is injurious to health while, should fire break out what the result might be is too appalling to even think of.

The school commissioners knew of these conditions. So did the patrons of the school. The Board of education did no more than their plain duty in voting to override the mayor's veto and deciding to build the addition to No. 14. Pupils and teachers will have better health because of it.

Is it true that our contemporary is more interested in another east side school?

**UN-AMERICAN.**

The "Catholic Columbian" agrees with the JOURNAL in its conception of the Kearns murder. Our esteemed contemporary says:

The principles which Apaism professes and inculcates on the dupes who join its proscriptive ranks, are not calculated to make its members peaceful or law-abiding citizens of any community. It is an admitted fact that religious bigotry is one of the worst passions wherewith human nature can be cursed. It encourages deadly hatreds, and these hatreds, given an opportunity, display themselves in the worst manner. This Rochester case is an illustration of that fact. Had the unfortunate victim of his passion not belonged to an organization that teaches all who join it to regard their Catholic fellow-citizens with unjust hate, this murder would never have been perpetrated.

This is only one indication of many that have been lately given, of the un-American and dangerous character of Apaism.

**FALSE PATRIOTISM.**

Archbishop Ireland recently said: "Only those who are loyal to America can be allowed to live under her flag, and they who are loyal to her may enjoy all her liberties and rights" The "Catholic Weekly" of Troy, takes issue with his grace and says:

Would that this assertion of the Archbishop were correct! But have we not anarchists in every city of the nation? Have we not the A. P. A. violating the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, in nearly every state in the Union? Are these self-proclaimed enemies of the Nation not allowed to live under our flag? They are, and they are encouraged and upheld in their treason and disloyalty by public officials, and their acts shrouded over by others.

The "Weekly" is right.

The last legislature raised the maximum penalty for arson in the first degree from twenty to forty years imprisonment, practically a life penalty if the presiding judge so inclines. In view of the recent discoveries of organized gangs of firebugs in New York City, the change in the law is to be commended. The death penalty is now too severe for a man or woman who will set fire to a house or block.

Sam Small, the non-Catholic evangelist, is not of the same calibre as some of the evangelists who visited Rochester last winter. Mr. Small says Catholics have just as much right to worship God in their own way as have the Methodists, Baptists, etc. Of course we know this but so many non-Catholics seem to think differently that it is somewhat of a novelty to find one so prominent talk as does Mr. Small. The evangelist is also not alarmed about the scare that the Catholics will control the politics of this country. He says the Catholics do not make any greater effort in this direction than do the non-Catholics. Sam is right.

So water storage is dead? Who is to blame? Certainly not the Monroe County legislators. Certainly not Supt. Aldridge. Certainly not the Chamber of Commerce. No one but Governor Morton is to blame and he was egged on by the Buffalo growers and the New York Mugwumps. Both cliques thought Thomas C. Platt wanted the storage reservoir built and that was sufficient in their distorted minds to kill it. It is a blessing that there are not more of these cross-grained political fanatics. It is too bad they had the power to hinder, if not prevent, a great public benefit.

Writing on "The advantages of marriage" the "Northwestern Chronicle" says: "A man needs the spur of a sacred responsibility to bring out the best that is in him. He must live either for his God or his family. This is true but if the "New Woman" continues to develop as she has for some time a man will have a fair excuse not to marry, if indeed the "new woman" will condescend to wed at all. However, our contemporary is right (give a man a good wife and he is rich).

The JOURNAL does not care a button whether its contemporaries agree with it or not. This paper tries to keep in the right line all the time. Whenever it thinks a certain line of policy is right, it pursues it regardless of consequences, or the snarls or sneers of contemporaries who either are ignorant of the question at issue, or have not the courage to take a similar stand.

If it be true that the grand jury had sufficient evidence to indict the gamblers the failure to do so is a travesty upon justice. It is also a first-class argument for the passage of the law to create a commissioner of jurors.

The A. P. A. controls the Kansas City Board of Education and has discharged all the Catholic teachers in the public schools. Nice patriots these! Now will they except these teachers, or their parents from paying taxes for the support of the public schools?

The "new woman" is to revise the Bible so as to conform to her ideas of woman's place in the plan of creation. This is the logical result of private interpretation, the great bulwark of Protestantism.

The Chicago "New World" says that Judge Moran, of that city, would have to sacrifice a great part of his income to become attorney general of the United States. However, President Cleveland did not give him a chance.

Richard H. Olney may make a good secretary of state but, somehow, the thought of a New England Mugwump and corporation lawyer at that, in the place that Blaine and Bayard filled so well, sends a cold chill down the marrow of every true American.

Mayor Strong of New York has just appointed two Catholics to high office in the metropolis. J. J. Hayes to be justice of special sessions and W. J. Fanning to be a city magistrate.

"When journalism becomes blackguardism we have no use for it" says the Syracuse "Sun". Then go out of the business. There will be one blackguard less in it.

The three octogenarians, Pope Leo XIII, Gladstone and Bismark will occupy a large place in the political and ecclesiastical history of the nineteenth century.

Newspaper circulation controversies rarely result in any satisfactory conclusion. Mighty few daily papers care to have their real circulation known.

It is to be hoped that Archbishop Kain will be spared to make as brilliant a record in the province of St. Louis as did his predecessor, the venerable Archbishop Kenrick.

It does not matter if you take all the secular papers. They cannot and do not take the place of a Catholic paper. Do you see the point?

The JOURNAL sees no impropriety in President Cleveland being a candidate for renomination. He is the logical candidate in 1896.

Archbishop Kenrick has not been deposed in the full sense of the word. He has been retired as are judges and army officers when they reach the age limit.

One of the means by which the JOURNAL is kept up is advertisements. The merchants who tell about their goods in these columns and men whom it will pay you to patronize.

The JOURNAL's best wishes go with Father Laurencia of Holy Family church on his proposed European trip.

It would be well if Rochester followed Chicago's example and made it a violation of the penal ordinances to throw paper on the street.

The dog pound seems to be a bone of contention. Why not take it outside the city limits?

The first printing press in the Northwest was set up by Rev. Gabriel Richard, priest and member of congress from Michigan.

The new law compelling barber shops to close on Sunday is a good one, but it should include New York and Saratoga.

See to it that the delegates to the State conventions are opposed to the A. P. A. Let's crush this moral assassination society in New York state.

There should be a goodly attendance from the Rochester Reading Circles at the summer school at Plattsburg.

Give the L. C. B. A. delegates a royal welcome when they come here in July.

Vicar General Farley, of New York, celebrated his silver jubilee last Thursday.

The Park Commission should improve the parks nearest the heart of the city, first.

The political campaign will soon open.

Newspapers seem to be getting the best of it in recent libel suits.

So Womanly.  
That the ways of women are passing strange was again proved by an incident on a Main street car last evening. A gentleman arose to offer his seat to a lady who had just entered with her little boy. Seeing the seat vacant, she sent the boy to occupy it, while she clung to a strap. She was evidently very tired and would have enjoyed a seat, but preferred to care for her son first. Presently a lady left the car, and the one standing took her seat. Next to her was a serving maid with a pretty baby on her lap. The lady asked permission to hold it, and the request being granted she cooed and talked and played with the child for a half hour, utterly oblivious of her own boy's jealous cries and frantic efforts to attract attention.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Worth's Frankness.  
Kate Field says she thinks that Worth made for her the only dress that he ever made of American material. She took him a piece of American satin for the purpose, and at first he refused point blank to touch it. "The manufacturers at Lyons would never forgive me," he said. "They would accuse me of treachery." But eventually Miss Field's persuasion prevailed. Worth was exceedingly frank to his customers. "Choose that color if you like," he said one day to a rich American woman, "but you'll look like a fright, and your husband will refuse to pay the bill."

**THE GOSPELS.**

**GOSPEL:** St. Luke xiv. 16-24  
At that time, Jesus spoke to the Pharisees this parable: "A certain man made a great supper, and invited many. And he sent his servant at the hour of supper to say to them that were invited that they should come, for now all things are ready. And they began all at once to make excuse. The first said to him: I have bought a farm; and I must needs go out and see it; I pray thee, hold me excused. And another said: I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to try them; I pray thee hold me excused. And another said: I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. And the servant returning told these things to his lord. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant: Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and the feeble and the blind and the lame. And the servant said: Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said to the servant: Go out into the highways and hedges; and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. But I say unto you, that none of those men that were invited shall taste of my supper."  
Of whom are they who refused to come to the supper a figure?  
They are the figure of the Christians who, being immersed in the cares, pleasures, and vanities of the world, do not care to receive the Holy Sacrament, and do not prepare themselves to enter into the heavenly rest, thus showing by their actions that they refuse to be of the number of the elect.

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