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SLANDER REFUTED.

The sensational press of the country about six months ago circulated a story to the effect that a Catholic priest in the island of Manila had revealed a story of a secret revolutionary plot against Spain, told him in the confessional by the sister of one of the conspirators. Many of the secular papers commented on the incident in not over pleasant terms. The Catholic papers denied the story, but the daily sheets paid no attention to the Catholic papers at all.

A writer in the New York "Herald" cannot be accused of being over-friendly to the Catholics. Therefore, the following refutation of the base slander above alluded to, should carry much weight, even with the bigots. He writes:

"The conspiracy which has been in existence for seven years was rendered public by the disclosure to Father Gil, the parish priest of Tonda, one of the poorest ultramarine parishes of Manila, by a girl whose brother was engaged in printing the secret papers of the Catipunan. The story of the confessional and breaking of the priestly seal of silence that Mr. Davidson and others told in explanation of the discovery of the plot is, to put it mildly, all 'tommyrot.' There was no confession, no secret, no breaking of priestly vows, and, consequently, nothing at which to hold our hands in holy horror about the whole business. . . . The plot was revealed openly by the sister of the printer, who told her to ask the priest, as the one most likely to know, what way to New York where he was at once taken up by some susceptible Protestants. He was ordained at Union Seminary and then branched out as a full-fledged 'escape.' An exchange gives this resume of the 'Don's' real early history: 'Like all of his tribe, he is a liar and a fraud. He never was ordained a priest. He never was in Spain. He never was sent from Spain by the Pope or anybody else as a missionary to Colombia. When he first came to New York in 1895 his story was contradicted by Rev. Joseph F. Sheahan, a prominent Catholic priest, who exposed the fraud in the columns of the New York Herald. A copy of the Herald was seen by Rev. William Lawrence Pope in the United States consulate in Merida, Mexico. Dr. Pope happened to know Don Manuel Ferrando personally. He wrote to Father Sheahan describing the career of the bogus Spanish nobleman and monk, and concluded a long letter with the following statement: 'Ferrando is no more a Spanish grandee than you are. He is not a priest, but a seminarian who left his diocese for his diocese's good. Ask him to present credentials and a certificate of good conduct from his bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Thiel. He is a Central-American, educated by the charity of the people whom he has defrauded.'

The A. P. A. it is reported, will change its policy and in the future make war upon policies, instead of individuals. Inasmuch as the order is practically dead, it makes little difference what its policy was, is or will be.

Officers of American men-of-war have had an audience with the Pope and General Gibbons has had a conference with President McKinley within the last two weeks. How do the A.

"BISHOPS" GONE WRONG

The self-styled "bishops" of the Methodist Episcopal church have been getting themselves into a peck of half bushels. "Bishop" Mallalieu went down south a few days ago and abused the confederates and their old flag. "Bishop" Turner has been advising the negroes down south to arm to repel lynchings. He said:

"We have had it on our mind to say this for over seven years, but on account of our episcopal status we have hesitated to express ourselves thus, fearing that it might meet with the disapproval of the House of Bishops. But their approval or disapproval has done nothing to stay the fiendish murderers who stalk abroad and are exterminating our race. So we have said it, and hereafter we shall preach it, talk it and write it. Again we say, get guns, negroes, get guns, and may God give you good aim when you shoot."

This outburst provokes the Boston "Republic" to remark:

"This advice may be in keeping with the old law, but the new dispensation, of which the good bishop is an exponent, prescribes a different remedy. That gross outrages against the lives of negroes in the south are too often perpetrated all reasonable men will be forced to concede. This is an unfortunate outcome of the racial differences which exist in that section. All law-abiding citizens, white or black, deprecate the lynching of colored offenders, but the cure for the evil cannot be found in a general arming of a lot of ignorant and excitable men, or in episcopal advice such as that quoted. If Bishop Turner really desires to aid in the work of improving the conditions in the south he should exhort his people to observe the laws and to curb their libidinous and murderous propensities. The crimes which excite the white population are generally of a most heinous and revolting nature. This does not justify communities in suspending the operations of the civil law, of course. But public sentiment is too often shocked into acquiescence by the fiendish character of the crimes committed. The bishop's exhortation is really tantamount to advising the colored people to continue in their evil courses and to defend themselves against the punishment which their crimes merit. It is contrary to the divine as well as to the civil law."

ANOTHER "ESCAPED" PRIEST.

Don Manuel Ferrando is the latest on the list of "escaped priests." He claims to have been a Capuchin monk who found out how bad the Catholic church was by a chance tract by a Protestant preacher that fell into his hands in the monastery by chance. He fled from Colombia and made his way to New York where he was at once taken up by some susceptible Protestants. He was ordained at Union Seminary and then branched out as a full-fledged "escape." An exchange gives this resume of the "Don's" real early history: "Like all of his tribe, he is a liar and a fraud. He never was ordained a priest. He never was in Spain. He never was sent from Spain by the Pope or anybody else as a missionary to Colombia. When he first came to New York in 1895 his story was contradicted by Rev. Joseph F. Sheahan, a prominent Catholic priest, who exposed the fraud in the columns of the New York Herald. A copy of the Herald was seen by Rev. William Lawrence Pope in the United States consulate in Merida, Mexico. Dr. Pope happened to know Don Manuel Ferrando personally. He wrote to Father Sheahan describing the career of the bogus Spanish nobleman and monk, and concluded a long letter with the following statement: 'Ferrando is no more a Spanish grandee than you are. He is not a priest, but a seminarian who left his diocese for his diocese's good. Ask him to present credentials and a certificate of good conduct from his bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Thiel. He is a Central-American, educated by the charity of the people whom he has defrauded.'

THE JOURNAL extends its congratulations to Rev. Father Murphy on the dedication of the new Holy Apostles Church.

A P A AND CATHOLIC PRESS

Walter Lecky, novelist and critic, in a recent letter to the "Catholic News" furnishes some interesting information relative to the downfall of apaim in the United States. He tells of a conversation which he had recently with one of the followers of Whiskey Bill Traynor in which this reason was given for the collapse of the order: "I tell you," said he, "these Catholic papers are a power, and no Protestant business man can afford to have them hold him up as a bigot, and they are bad enough to do it if they had a chance."

Commenting upon this suggestive statement, Mr. Lecky says: "This little preacher of A. P. A.-ism confirms what I have long held, that Catholicism will never be benefited by a policy of quiet and submission. Truth is worth fighting for, and it is indifference, of all policies the most loathsome, that will keep us idly moping and hoping for better times when our duty is to be earnest, aggressive and ready for battle. Those who attack, attack with double might when they know that a host of cowards confront them. If the cowardly Catholics had had their way the Catholic papers would have remained quiet, or if they opened their mouth it would have been to shout Americanism—the merest chauvinism—thinking that this cry would have appeased the Moslem fury of their persecutors. Catholics are not aliens in this country; neither are they on probation. They have rights, and if they do not defend these rights without apologizing for the right to do so they are the veriest cowards."

CAPTAIN PRATT

Captain Pratt, who is in charge of the Carlisle Indian school, is one of the worst bigots in the United States. The New York "Sun" has been defending the captain of late. Here is the way the Philadelphia "Standard and Times" gets back at the "Sun":

"The attitude recently assumed by the New York Sun towards the notorious Captain Pratt and the Carlisle school has caused no little surprise to the Catholic readers of that journal. We have more than once pointed out how persistent a foe to the fair play of the Constitution is Captain Pratt; how he sets himself up in opposition to the policy of the state in regard to civil service rules for holders of official positions. In this attitude of opposition he is encouraged by the Sun, which winds up its commendation of his mutinous conduct by the expression of a hopeful belief that Captain Pratt will stay at Carlisle. Would the Sun like to keep a man on its staff who made a point of adversely criticizing its editor's policy? Its magnanimity would scarcely, we dare say, rise to that level. Obedience to the laws of the state is the first duty of the good citizen, and the man who teaches the opposite is not fit to teach or train the children of the state. If Captain Pratt were not sustained in his place by the force of powerful secret bigotry the wish of the Sun would not be gratified, for neither on the ground of courage nor capability, nor loyalty to the laws of the country is he entitled to do so."

William J. D. Croke, Rome correspondent of the "Catholic Standard and Times," writes this to his paper: "Cardinal Satolli has made the following statement to me about the Pope's speech on March 1: 'It was a rare feat of memory for one of his age. He spoke for about sixteen minutes. After the publication of the reply I compared it with what I remembered and I found the most marvelous verbal identity. Consequently the Pope must have prepared it and learned it by heart.'"

Senator Gallinger of Ontario, who now represents New Hampshire in the Senate of the United States, says that the civil service is a monumental humbug. In Canada, where he was born and reared, a more stringent civil service law exists than our own.

President McKinley would have stood higher in public opinion if he had not appointed a relative to the most lucrative post in his gift. W. M. Osborne, consul-general to London, is a cousin of the president. The consul-generalship to London is worth \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John viii. 46-59.
At that time: Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: "Which of you shall convince me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered and said to Him: Do not we say well that Thou art a Samaritan and hast a devil? Jesus answered. I have not a devil; but I honor My Father, and you have dishonored Me. But I seek not My own glory; there is One that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you: If any man keep My word, he shall not see death forever. The Jews therefore said: Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets: and Thou sayest: If any man keep My word he shall not taste death forever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered: If I glorify Myself, my glory is nothing. It is My Father that glorifieth Me, of whom you say that He is your God, and you have not known Him: but I know Him; and if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word: Abraham your father father rejoiced that he might see My day: he saw it, and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him: Thou art not fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple."

That Jesus Christ affirmed His innocence and defied any one to convict Him of sin. This He did to convince the Jews of their injustice in refusing to believe His words and His doctrine. When a teacher combines profound learning with a spotless life he has a right to the confidence of those who hear him, for as a learned man there is no probability of his being deceived and as an honest man no one should suspect that he would deceive. Let us also learn to live up to our teaching, our advice, and our corrections, so that when we reproach others they cannot reproach us with inconsistency.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, April 4—Passion Sunday.—Eps. Heb. ix. 11-15. Gosp. John viii. 46-59.
Monday, 5—St. Vincent Ferrer, Confessor.
Tuesday, 6—Feria.
Wednesday, 7—Feria.
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Friday, 9—Seven Doctors of the B. V. M.
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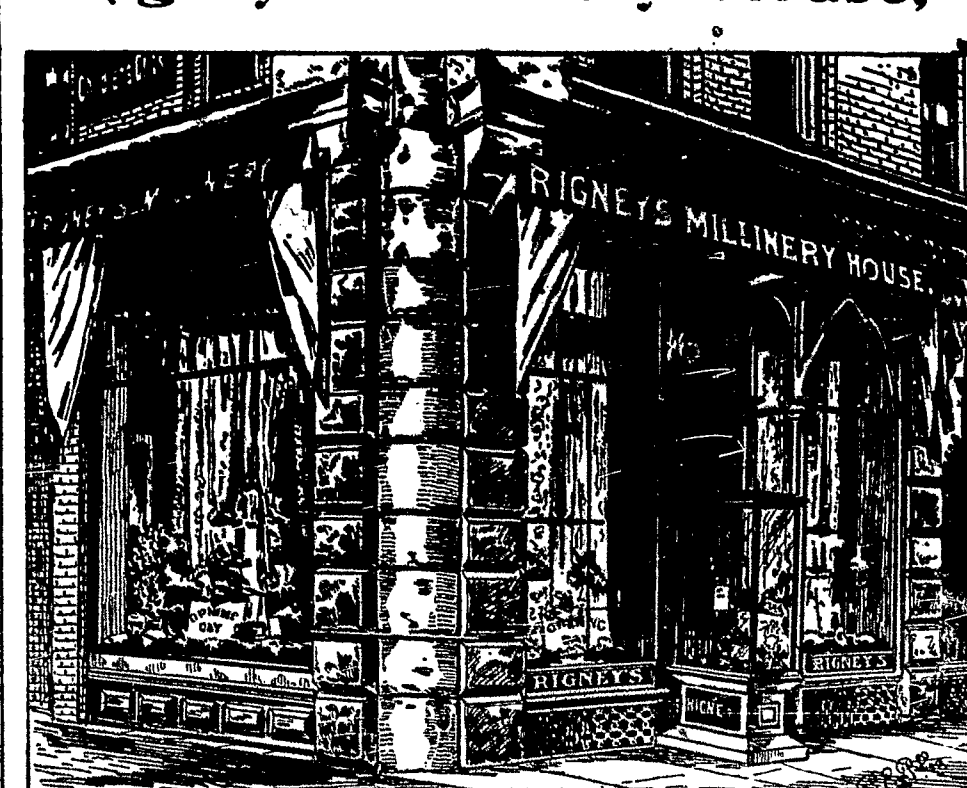
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