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The Catholic Church Versus Freemasonry.

The question is often asked by non-Catholics and Catholics alike, "Why is the Catholic church so uncompromisingly opposed to Freemasonry?"

Adam Weishaupt, a prominent Bavarian Mason writing to two of his Masonic adepts, Councillor Xavier Zwack and Baron de Basus, after reminding them how he beguiled them on first entering the order, under the cloak of religion, says: "If to destroy Christianity, all religion, we have made it appear we alone possess the true religion, remember the end justifies the means. The wise man uses for good, every means the wicked use for evil."

Yet their enemies would have us believe that the motto of the last sentence, was that of the Jesuits and theirs exclusively.

In a letter to Thiriot, Voltaire, a Mason, declares: "Lying is a vice when it leads to evil, but it is a very great virtue when it does good. Lie, my friends; we must lie like the very devil."

In 1822 a Piedmontese lodge was inaugurated by the Jew "Picolo Tigre" who in a letter dated Jan. 18, says among other edifying things: "Having instilled a distaste of family life and religion—the one almost always follows the other—let fall some words which will awaken a wish to be affiliated to the nearest lodge. Be content to prowl round the Catholic sheepfold; but, like a good wolf, seize the first lamb which offers."

Says Vendice writing his chief Nubius. "It has been decided in our councils we want no more Christians, make no more martyrs but popularize vice among the masses. Make hearts vicious and you will have no more Catholics. The best dagger with which to pierce the church to the heart is corruption. To work, then, till it be done."

How is that for tigerish hate? Said George Kloss, councillor of the grand Duke of Saxony, and a sound mason, "the absolute exclusion of every shadow of revelation is one of the foundation stones of Masonry."

Referring to Christianity, Boerne, a member of the lodge "Daybreak" (in 1833) in Frankfort sur maine cried: "Let no one ask me its name. In the sanctuary of peace and happiness, I dare not utter the word, which in a few syllables, means that come of horror, murder, murderers, murdered:—Christianity."

Fisher writing in the "Masonic Review," 1848 also flouts Christianity: "Excepting a few private lodges, the great majority of the order not only do not admit Christianity, but even oppose it to the death."

In the "Masonic Encyclopaedia" of Cheamin Dupont's we find the following nicknames for the Catholic church: "Imposture," "Superstition," "Ignorance," "Obscurantism," "Reign of

Error," "Corruptive and Wicked Institute," "the Angel of Evil and Dark-ness" and so on ad infinitum and ad nauseum.

In the 24th chapter of his popular "History of Freemasonry" Goffin, a Belgian mason, recommends: "Either in or out of the lodge, fight the Priesthood and Religion, or adopt a double face: a Mason when in the lodge, a Catholic when out."

A pretty villain this, even an American Mason, must admit.

Stallo of Geneva, calls upon Masonry "Never to tire, as the work of extermination is not yet complete. Have we not still to fight the Paulists, the Jesuits, with their means of formidable influence? Is not the confessional, which through its absolution consecrates sin, ever vigorous and lasting?"

In a permanent instruction adopted (1879) as a code and guide by the more advanced Italian Masons, we read: "Our final aim is that of Voltaire and of the French Revolution—the annihilation forever and ever of Catholicism and even of the Christian idea."

Are the English and American Masons "brotherly" of these beauties? Give ear again to the Jew-Mason "Picolo Tigre": "We must de-Catholicize the world. Do not plot except against Rome. But in that, use every incident, profit by every occasion."

"Why," ask the friends of Masonry "do the Popes condemn Masonry?" Why? We wonder.

At a Masonic banquet, at Antwerp, Van Humbuck, the then minister of Public Instruction made an after dinner speech in which the following cheerful allusions were made to the order's old and red uddable foe: "A carcass lies athwart the world, barring the way of progress. This corpse of the past, to name it frankly, without paraphrasis, is Catholicism."

"Considering that the idea of God is the source and mainstay of every despotism and all iniquity" proposed the Mason Andrieux at the Anti-Council of Naples, 1869, and passed therein by acclamation, "Considering that the Catholic religion is the most complete and most formidable personification of this idea, that the body of its dogma is the negation even of society, the freethinkers assume the obligation of effecting the total destruction of Catholicism and its annihilation by every means, including revolutionary force."

That is over 34 years ago, but Catholicism's end is not yet.

The "Review" quoting from a speech of Madier de Montjau says: "The Popes have always dreaded this association, universal like Catholicism, which denies the authority of the church, and stands face to face with it as a power destined to destroy it."

Face to face with it? Where is the face of Masonry? We see only its cloven hoof. As for its being "destined to destroy" the church, time will prove. So far the spray has made no impression on the rock. We could fill this weeks issue with quotations of the character of the foregoing, but enough evidence has been adduced to prove up to the hilt that had the Popes taken any other stand than the one they have, they would have been foolish, criminal and false to their trust as the chief pastors of Christ's flock.

Manufacturing A Grievance.

"So long as ('Colonel') Lynch remains in jail" says our esteemed contemporary "The Pilot", so long the spirit of Irish Independence remains under lock and key." All of which is patent nonsense.

When Arthur Lynch, the Paris war-correspondent chose to abandon his profession and "British Nationality" and take up arms on behalf of the Boers, he did what he had a perfect right to do, but, when, the war was over, he chose melodramatically to offer himself for the representation of Galway, and despite the advice of level-headed Irishmen, to return and defy the laws of England, and on English soil, no one has a right to say that the treatment meted out to him is aimed at Irish Independence. You may defy a lion—at a distance, but if you would keep your head on your shoulders, keep it out of his mouth. What Lynch did, he did on his own initiative; what he is suffering now, is of his own deliberate choosing. If he expected any other result, he was a

fool. Let any citizen of this country take up arms against her and then come back openly, defiantly. Do you think he would be met with a brass band, a wreath of laurel? King Edward and Joseph Chamberlain it is hinted, owe Lynch a grudge because of his having once satirized them. Question whether they ever heard of the poor fellow still be foolishly threw down the glove to the British Empire. England wanted Lynch to keep away; so did level-headed Ireland. His refusal has put all three in an awkward place. However, there can be no shadow of doubt that if the freedom of Irish Independence is contingent on Arthur Lynch's release, it will not be long "under lock and key." Let the Pilot, all the same, keep a straight course, even when dealing with England.

Father Mazotas Appeals to Rome.

The washing of dirty linen in public is at all times unedifying, more particularly when it is a Catholic priest and his Bishop. Father Joseph Mazotas up till recently with the consent of the Rt. Rev. John Janssen, Bishop of diocese of Belleville, in charge of the "Lithuanian Immaculate Conception" congregation in East St. Louis, and at present actually in possession of the church and presbytery, has filed a bill on the Circuit Court at Belleville asking for an injunction to restrain the bishop from turning him adrift until the merits of the case have been decided upon at Rome. Bishop Janssen on his part has instituted proceedings to secure possession of the church and the property attached thereto. Father Mazotas admits that the Papal delegate at Washington has ruled against him, but regarding this as a prejudiced ruling he has appealed to the supreme judicature in Rome, expressing his perfect willingness to abide by that decision whatever it may be when announced.

How Father Mazotas comes to get into this scrape his own explanation sets forth that he has drawn attention to the ill conduct of several priests in the cities of East St. Louis and Belleville, of which the bishop is well aware but to which he appears to be indifferent—except to the extent of punishing him (Father Mazotas) for calling public notice to it."

On the face of it this is quite incredible, and all we would say at this stage is, that we can only deplore such an ending to a difference between a priest and his ordinary. Father Mazotas may be a saint and a reformer, and he may be a busy-body and a humbug—we cannot say, opinions differ—but surely, since he only asks not to be turned adrift with no means of subsistence, until Rome shall have decided on the case, a modus vivendi very different to this could have been arranged?

Such quarrels have a demoralizing effect on the laity who often feel that even if the bishop be twice in the right, to strain charity is more Christ-like than to introduce the battering ram. Indiscretions similar to that apparently committed by Father Mazotas have frequently in the history of the church all over the world, led to the spiritual and temporal undoing of brilliant zealous priests. Differences with his bishop usually have terrible results for the priest, hence the utmost charity and forbearance is the sacred duty of both parties.

Read Up, Sonny.

The Marietta street booklet would do well to brush up a bit on current ecclesiastical polity. Likewise procure from the west a few pointers on consistency.

A few weeks ago it hailed the decision in the Alaska case as a great victory for the arbitration principle and announced with glee that everybody was satisfied and that the white winged dove of peace now hovered over all.

Last week it read the riot act to the Canadians because they had the hardihood to maintain that they were right in their contentions. But that is not all. Listen to this:

"We as Catholics of this great Republic have another reason to rejoice. It is because we have missions in the section which Canada claimed, whose ecclesiastical directors are in this country and these ought to prosper better under American than any other rule."

So! Catholics are better treated under American than under Canadian rule? Do Canadian Catholics have to pay twice for the education of their children? Is it not a fact that the Catholic separate schools receive their pro rata share of the school taxes? Will this not be changed if the territory referred to comes under American rule?

It is all very well to argue that the church has prospered in the United States but to argue that Catholics are used better by the government in this country than in Canada is to argue that white is black, and that's one reason why the Catholics in Canada are none too anxious for annexation to the United States.

Five Minute Sermon

The Parable of the Cockle.

At first view it might be said that the good seed is meant the word of God, but according to the explanation of the Divine Master we are to understand by the good seed the effect rather than the cause, and therefore the good seed signifies the effect of the word of God, that is, the good Christians produced by the preaching of the apostles and their successors, the bishops, assisted by the priests, who teach the people in their name.

The cockle represents sinners, here teachers of perverse doctrines, in a word—all bad Christians. The enemy that sowed the cockle is the devil, who incites sinners to evil, and all those who make themselves ministers of iniquity by scandals and perverse teachings.

Those who sleep and give the devil time to sow cockle represent those parents, heads of communities, and teachers who, devoid of the necessary solicitude and proper attention, leave those under them exposed to danger, and permit evil customs and disorders to be introduced into the home, the schools, and other places of education.

We should learn three things. First, to be vigilant that the devil may not sow cockle in our hearts or in the hearts of those under our care. Second to console and sympathize with poor sinners. Third, to endeavor to make ourselves wheat for paradise and not cockle for eternal fire.

Forty Hours Devotion.

The Forty Hours Devotion will be held in the following churches next week: November 16—Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester; St. Patrick's, Danville.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday November 15—Gospel, St. Matt. xlii. 24-30—St. Gertrude, virgin and abbess. Monday 16—St. Edmund, bishop and confessor. Tuesday 17—St. Gregory Thaumaturgus confessor. Wednesday 18—St. Hilda, abbess. Thursday 19—St. Elizabeth of Hungary widow. Friday 20—St. Felix of Valois, confessor. Saturday 21—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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