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Sign of the Cross.

That the crucifix has not lost its influence over careless Catholics was well illustrated a few weeks ago in Scranton, Pa.

Father O'Donnell, pastor of Holy Cross Church, had caused the arrest of one Walsh, a saloon keeper for Sunday liquor selling. On the trial, Walsh and another witness had sworn that liquor was not sold in the saloon that night. What followed is dramatically told by a Scranton secular paper:

"Father O'Donnell advanced to the two men, touched the gold cross upon his watch chain and said: 'You are professed Catholic men. I am your pastor. Before your Crucified God I demand you to go back on the witness stand and tell the truth.'

"The men bowed to the cross and as Father O'Donnell held it before them they walked back to the witness stand and said that they had committed perjury and asked to be forgiven. Walsh said he sold on Sundays and the young man who corroborated him in his denial said he swore to save an old friend."

Had the men been non-Catholics they would have not been awed by the sight of the crucifix, so lightly has the oath taken upon the King James version—whose accuracy is questioned and sneered at by non-Catholic divines—come to be regarded. But when recalled to their sober senses by the man of God, the two men could not continue in their perjury.

Unjust.

It has often been said that the Boston "Herald" is a narrow paper, but we have thought that it was not a bigoted sheet. We fear our opinion must be reversed. Perhaps because the pupils of the Catholic schools—not hampered and muddled by the frills and fripperies of the fall-dists—have been forging ahead of the pupils in the public schools of Boston. The "Herald" recently came out with this tirade:

"If the children of Catholics are withdrawn from the public schools, Catholic teachers should be withdrawn also."

So? The fact that the Catholics relieve the burden of taxation imposed upon the non-Catholic portion of the population by bearing the expense of their own schools while paying their pro rata share of the cost of maintaining the public schools which they do not use, are not appreciated by the "Herald." That pestiferous sheet would drive out of the schools all teachers who attend the Catholic churches. How would the "Herald" bring this about? Would it have the School Board pass a regulation that Catholic girls—no matter if they have passed the requisite examinations and possess the required diplomas—shall not be employed as school teachers. Would not such a regulation be in contravention of the Massachusetts state constitution and the United States constitution? Is not every American citizen guaranteed the right to worship as he sees fit? And if he may not be employed in the public service because of his religion, is not that an infringement of his constitutional rights? And, if Catholic girls may not teach in the public schools, does it not follow logically that Catholics should not be asked to contribute toward the support of the aforementioned public schools? We know that the "Herald" would not assent

to such a proposition for an instant, but is it not the logical sequence of its own proposition?

To hear such persons as the "Herald's" editor talk one would fancy that religion was taught by the public school teachers instead of secular branches, when everybody knows the contrary.

Just one more thought: If the "Herald's" idea were to prevail, there would be nothing to prevent a School Board from resolving that a Jewess must not teach in the public schools, or a German, or a Presbyterian, or a Methodist.

Do our non-Catholic friends see now to what lengths such absurd reasoning as the "Herald's" would lead if pursued to its logical end?

George F. Hoar.

In the death of Senator George F. Hoar, the country loses an honest, fearless public servant. There are so few of his kind in public life, that his departure from life leaves a void that time only can fill. In this day, when special interests place their representatives in the halls of state legislatures and Congress at Washington, it was like an oasis in the Sahara to run across a Senator who had only his official salary to live upon; who lived within that, and whose time and talents were given lavishly to further only the country's best good, as he saw it.

Would that George Hoar's death would incite the young men of to-day to take his career as their life standard. Then we would have an antidote for the pettifogging, time-serving, corporation-helping, selfish politicians who serve not the people's interests, but that of special elements of the community.

Catholics feel a sense of personal loss in Senator Hoar's death. Although not of our faith, he was Catholic in his desire to be fair to his fellow men. When the Apapists howled and stormed, George F. Hoar rebuked know-nothingism. He was not afraid to denounce bigotry in Congress. He was not afraid to appear on the same platforms with Catholic prelates and priests. In short, he was a broad-minded, liberal American citizen, with a mind above bigotry, cant and sectarianism.

May his lot be pleasant in the land beyond the grave, and may God in His mercy deal gently with him.

Hit Straight

There was no equivocation, no "back door tactics," about the stand taken by the recent state convention of the A. O. H. in the matter of Catholic education. Here is the robust, vigorous, plainly phrased educational platform adopted:

"We believe that a sound education is necessary in forming the moral character of our youth and elevating the standard of our citizenship, and as religion and morals are inseparable, and believing that instruction in both is an essential element in the education of our youth, we condemn the common school education of this state which excludes the parochial school from its just share of the funds raised for public instruction, thereby imposing an additional and unequal burden of tuition on a large body of our citizens. We therefore direct that the state officers of this organization take such steps as will secure a speedy remedy of the evil complained of."

Politicians might well follow such a style in their collective public declarations, instead of the shuffling, paltry, double-meaning things they try to palm off as a declaration of principles. Too often the politician seeks to frame up a declaration that does not declare.

Father Van Ness is to be congratulated on the success of the fair held in aid of the Holy Rosary building fund.

Mr. John Redmond says Irish Catholics should not seek to eliminate Orangemen from Ireland, but enlighten them. Eliminating Orangemen will free Ireland of Orangemen—a set of bigots who are a source of more harm than good to the English crown.

It is a matter of surprise that the labor press of the West should not be able to comprehend the grim humor of the New York "Evening Post."

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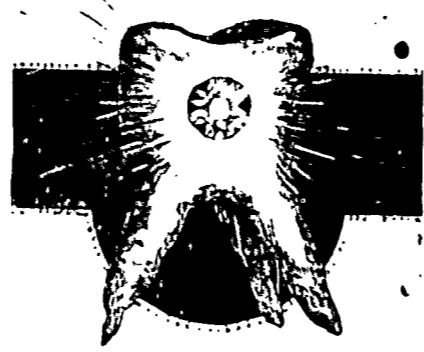


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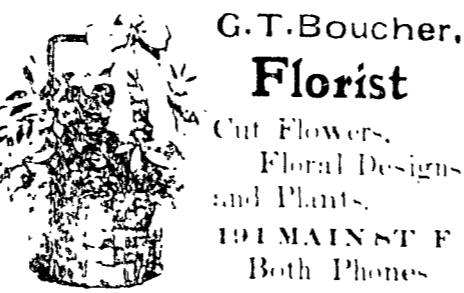
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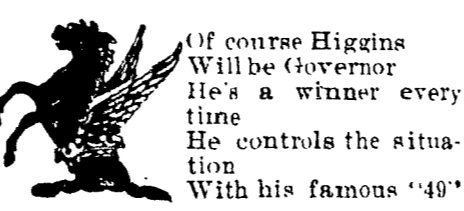


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