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Why, Miss Anthony?

Our venerable, but active, Miss Anthony is taking great interest in the School board. That is commendable in the lady, but she does not go at it with the finesse which marks her conduct of suffrage campaigns. Early in the summer, she besought several women to enter the field against Mrs. Montgomery. Later on she came out for Mrs. Montgomery's re-election but added that she believed the School Board should contain two women. In an interview the other day Miss Anthony was not even polite to the sterner sex who have the temerity to be democrats. She would have the public believe that the democrats of Rochester do not know enough to nominate any one fit to be school commissioner! Then she went on to give some more gratuitous advice. There ought to be a Catholic, she says, on the School Board. She supposes there are many Catholic women in Rochester fitted to perform the duties of school commissioner, but she does not happen to know any. By inference, she intends to convey the impression that all the Catholics of Rochester are democrats. Which may be interpreted that Miss Anthony is not well informed on local political conditions. Also that the Catholic women of Rochester have something else to do than following various brands of will o' the wisp.

With the near king made by the politicians of Rochester simply to fool us into supporting their candidates for every city office, the Catholics of this city have, or should have, mighty little concern; Faddists have control of the school system. If they cannot work out their own salvation why should we pull their chestnuts out of the fire? One thing might as well be understood first as last, the three card monte game of 1901 will not be repeated in 1905.

That is neither here nor there at present stage of the game. Miss Anthony had better stick to her suffrage text and not meddle in Rochester politics. When she switches, she does not make a good job of it.

Horrible!

In his recent book on Ireland Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, who has been appointed rector of the Irish college in Rome, gives this quotation from Allen Clarke to prove that Christian England contains a few whitened sepulchers in her midst:

"There is alive to-day (or was not long ago) not far from Manchester, an employer who makes seduction one of the conditions which his employees may have."

...recent advertisement in the Boston "Herald" reads:
 "First class board at Pine Mountain Farm, overlooking Corbett's Pond—Protestants only; \$5 to \$7."
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 We will warrant that atheists will not be refused bed and board. Neither will the libertine nor the divorcee. "Race suicide" will not be discouraged. Probably, President Roosevelt would not be welcomed. Were Christ to come to Sparta, he would be denied admission to the Everett House.

However, there is little likelihood that Catholicity will be blighted or that children will not be born, even if they are not wanted in summer resort hotels.

Tommy-rot.

The Hon. George M. Forbes, one of Rochester's school commissioners has been abroad. Inasmuch as it is understood that he was to investigate the European schools with a view of betterment of the home institutions, his salary went on during his absence.

Judging from his public utterances since his return, it is a question whether the money was judiciously expended. The gentleman appears to have become imbued with the idea that the American gentleman has much to learn from the English aristocrat. Undoubtedly that is true. He has to learn brutality; to learn that it is commendable, if you are the stronger, to bully and rob your weak neighbor; to cloak libertinism under the mask of unctuous beneficence; that it is a mark of aristocracy to exact servility from those whose accident of birth has condemned them to a lower stratum in society. Many Americans do not believe such conditions would inure to public good on this side the Atlantic. To be sure, they have not had the benefit of study of the English aristocracy at close range as has Professor Forbes—at public expense.

If English conditions prevailed in the United States, it would not be permissible for mere mortals to criticize any of the doings of the infallible School Board of Rochester!

Perhaps, that is the real reason the Professor is so anxious about it. Perhaps, that is why it is that the revised curriculum of the High School omits American history altogether as a compulsory study, and only includes it as an elective study in the last year. English history is made compulsory in the first year! All the knowledge the Rochester children—outside the Catholic schools—are to have of history of their own country, is to be gleaned in the grammar schools which they are supposed to leave when they are from 12 to 14 years old!

The New York "Times" does not see why Catholics should object to being styled "Romanists." Just the same as the Jews object to being called "Sheenies." Is that understandable? The "Times" also makes dire, but veiled threats, as to what will happen to us if we do not let the people of this country who believe differently from us wipe their shoes on us. The forces which are back of the feeble imitation of the London "Thunderer" may be potent but they are not potent enough to efface Catholicity from the United States. Is that understandable?

In the death of Hon. Patrick Collins, the country loses a stalwart opponent of stalwart Americanism. He was a man, indeed, and would at there were more like him.

Rochester Catholics should be re-entertained next Sunday, as they have in the past, by thousands, in the rony of blessing the graves at Sepulchre Cemetery. It re- but little effort to go where loved ones lie buried and it is every one owes. When you e, others will do it for you.

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