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Must Religion Go?

Perusal of the prevailing opinion of the Appellate Division in the Lima case leaves a bad taste in one's mouth.

It's not so much what is said but "the naughty way it's said" that grates on one.

It is hard to determine just why a Justice of the Supreme Court should find it necessary, in deciding whether the state's hired man may annul a contract by his ipse dixit, to fulminate a preachment on religion from the days of the Reformation on. Possibly his Covenanter ancestry demanded such a contribution to the legal annals of New York state. In that event, Justice Paton C. Williams has paid his debt to ancestry.

If the prevailing opinion of the Appellate Division is construed as good law by the Court of Appeals, New York state schools must be made godless, if they be not so now. "Religion and religious teaching must be excluded from the common schools." If the Catholic nun's garb constitutes a species of religious teaching, then Protestant or Jewish or any other form of prayers and Bible reading must go out of the schools.

That will not please even Czar Skinner and his admirers because they detest the legislature to enact any law which would prevent Bible reading in the public schools.

If Catholic children may not say their prayers before schools hours, then the Protestant form of prayers must not be allowed, lest the Jews, the Turks, the Unitarians, the Athiests may be offended. What is palatable for the Catholic is equally so for the non-Catholic.

If the nun's garb must go because it offends the Protestants, Christian Endeavor badges must go because they offend the Catholics and the Jews.

There is no getting away from this, even if the Appellate contend that the Appellate court decision applies only to Catholic end of the controversy. Justice Williams' decision, however, emphasizes the danger even of "amicable arrangements" which may be approved by our state superintendent of public instruction, disapproved by his successor and upheld or disapproved by a court which sees disputed questions through like colored glasses.

Just the same it would strike a foreigner as mighty queer that by rulings of the Supreme Court the garb of a nun does not constitute sectarianism in Pennsylvania, while in New York it does.

Not Right.

Perhaps Sara Bernhardt was not regarded by the Canadian hoodlums. Sara has a first-class press agent on this tour. It was not a pleasant episode but why did this woman seek to thrust herself through the medium of a play which reviles the church upon a Catholic community? And why did she give excuse for an interview labeling the Canadian people "Was it because they followed the advice of their spiritual advisers and absented themselves from her play?"

Why should the "Democrat and Chronicle" of this city rush to the defense of this actress and say that her alleged interview contained not a word which was untrue? Listen to the "Democrat".

The population of Canada is a mixture. So is the population of the United States. That matter. A good many French Canadians have more Indian than French blood in their veins. Canada's progress has been greater materially than intellectually. The French Canadians are dominated by the clergy.

Evidently the D. & C. mistakes the province of Quebec for the whole of Canada. One's temporary may not be the educational standard of the Ontario stands at

high, if not higher, than that of the state of New York, but it is a fact, nevertheless. Because the Canadians have not attacked all the traditions in literature, science and scripture, it does not follow of necessity that they have not improved intellectually.

Because the French Canadians do not choose to abjure Catholicism and so absent themselves from Bernhardt plays, they must be branded as "dominated by the clergy." Is that what is meant? But why follow this will-o'-the-wispish nonsense further?

Remember This.

We presume Catholic subscriptions, Catholic advertising, and Catholic money are accepted by the "Scientific American." This publication is supposed to be devoted to discussion of technical subjects.

These two reasons incite surprise that the S. A. should admit to its columns a reproduction of "Imaginations in a Mountain Observatory." The article is too awfully vile to reproduce in full, its trend may be imagined by the following excerpts: "All hierarchies must go soon; and they will, except that hideous monster, the hierarchy of Rome. It has its awful clutch on the throat of man and hangs on with the grip of a tiger."

"The existing order must be upset. First cut every church steeple down to the roofs. Remove the cross, that priapic emblem of an age of savagery, from the sight of man. Turn half of the churches into lecture halls and scientific laboratories." "Burn the catechisms. No set of words ever written are so deadly and terrible."

Catholics in particular and all Christians in general should resent such blasphemous language.

Must Change.

Persons who imagine they may or can qualify as financiers who fancy that the methods followed by the insurance kings, the Steel Trust magnates, the oil barons, will be tolerated in the present state of public sentiment would better come out of their trance.

If we read the signs aright, the public spirit has been roused as never before—at least in recent years. The public blood boils when men who pleaded for the election of public officials "because their defeat would mean diminution of funds held sacred for widows and orphans, own up under inquisitorial prodding that they have contributed unlawfully of these same sacred funds to aid politicians and to float shady financial schemes.

Men who imagine because they have attained high position in the world of finance—not commerce—that they have a right to take from their less wealthy neighbor by force of arms the property they covet will find themselves convicted at the bar of public opinion, unless we are woefully mistaken.

For a few years, at least, fair play, open exchange and a square deal will profit even the Houdinis of frenzied finance.

Like For Like.

Often we read of a man who has led a dissolute life for years marrying a pure, innocent girl and we shudder at the thought.

Why should a man expect more in a wife than he gives?

If the mother of his children must be pure, why not the father also?

If a man expects to wed purity, he should not be an apostle of impurity.

We have no patience with the false theory that the man who has sown his wild oats will make a model husband. Occasionally this may be true, but it is the exception, not the rule.

Father Crouns Dead.

Suddenly death claimed the Rev. Patrick H. Cronin, who has been known far and wide as the poet-priest, editor. He retired on Monday evening in his house in North Tonawanda. During the night the Angel of Death brought the summons to go, hence. He had written his last tribute to departed friends, hand penned his last editorial. In journalistic parlance "80" for him had been written.

To his "colleagues in the Catholic Union and Times" we extend heartfelt condolence. For him who has gone we murmur "Requiescat in Pace."

Evidently the New York "Times" is not happy unless it is scolding somebody, especially President Roosevelt.

James Sargent would have been just as happy and he would have saved money if he had resisted his desire to litigate the charitable section of the New York State Constitution.

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**Santa Will be in Our Toy Store or Toy Window
Every Morning and Part of Every Afternoon Until Xmas**

Santa also requests us to remind his young friends and admirers that he may be seen here every morning and part of every afternoon until Xmas and will be pleased to shake hands and have a chat with all who call.

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Bookcases	4.50 to 35.00	Jardinere Stands ..	.65 to 3.50
Bissell Carpet Swprs	2.50 to 3.00	Ladies' Desks	5.75 to 20.00
China Closets	12.00 to 40.00	Library Tables	6.50 to 35.00
Children's Rockers ..	.98 to 3.00	Morris Chairs	4.75 to 18.00
Cheval Mirrors	12.00 to 39.00	Office Desks	12.00 to 50.00
Combination Cases ..	12.00 to 35.00	Office Chairs	4.25 to 12.00
Dressing Tables	9.00 to 18.00	Parlor Cabinets	8.50 to 20.00
Easy Chairs	12.00 to 50.00	Parlor Tables90 to 15.00
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Fancy Rockers	2.50 to 15.00	Rugs, all sizes and prices.	
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