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Anarchist.

Those citizens who have been find-
ing fault with the Catholic Journal
and others who have styled Ferrer
an anarchist will find no fault, we
are sure, with us for reprinting the
following letter to the New York
Call, a Socialist organ, from Alexan-
der Berkman, the anarchist who tried
to kill Henry C. Frick

Editor of The Call:
Permit me to correct some mis-
statements contained in Mrs. A.
Kean's communication in your issue
of November 30.

"We allowed a number of anarch-
ists to get hold of our Sunday
schools," we are tearfully informed
by Mrs. Kean. But in the next breath
she states that "most of the existing
schools are the creation of different
branches of the Workmen's Circle, a
benevolent organization, radical, but
not strictly Socialist," consisting
of Socialists, anarchists, etc."

Well, if the Workmen's Circle is
the creator of most of the Sunday
schools, then by what right does Mrs.
Kean say "We (I, the Socialists)
allowed a number of anarchists to get
hold of our schools?"

The truth of the matter is that the
few Sunday schools organized and
supported by the Socialists are also
taught exclusively by Socialists. But
the Workmen's Circle, whose mem-
bership is by no means exclusively
Socialist, begs the privilege, Mrs.
Kean, to decide for itself what teach-
ers the organization should employ
in its schools.

The Socialist outcry against anarch-
ist teachers is really amusing. The
teachers' conference, which I had re-
cently attended, seemed to be terri-
fied out of its wits because several
anarchists had been invited by the
Arbeiter Ring School Board to teach
in their Sunday schools. The ques-
tion naturally arises, "Why are the
Socialists afraid of anarchist teach-
ers?"

Those Socialists who speak with so
much enthusiasm and admiration
about Francis Ferrer and his mod-
ern schools cannot possibly object to
anarchist teachers. The latter are in
perfect agreement with the methods
and spirit of the Ferrer schools. That
is to say, they believe in enlightening
the children as to existing wrongs,
individual and social. They believe
in freeing the minds of the children
from the superstition and prejudices
imbued in the public schools and at
home. They believe in developing
the child's ability to think and
strengthening his independence of
mind and character. What the anarch-
ist teachers do not believe is the
forcing of the child's mind and
drumming it with either Socialist or
anarchist dogmas. Some of the
children are mere tots, from five to
ten years of age. To teach them the
"lessons based on the tenets of
scientific Socialism," as has been
proposed by the Socialist teachers, is
the sheerest nonsense.

The education of children, from a
rational standpoint, does not mean
to prejudice them in favor of this or
that ism. It means the freeing of
the mind from the prison of preju-
dice, thus paving the way for the
child's ability of subsequent intelli-
gent choice of social philosophies.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN,
Member Arb. Ring, Branch 145,
teacher Grand street Sunday
school,
New York, Dec. 1, 1909.

Not To Be Trusted.
For several years it has been ap-
parent that either the stuff printed
in many of the secular dailies and
labeled "special cable despatch"—
especially pertaining to Catholic
matters—was bogus or was colored
to suit certain interests.

Confirmation of this assumption is
furnished by J. N. Brodhead, a well
known authority on European mat-
ters, who says to the New York
"Evening Post":

"You were right in saying that the
outside world cannot be blamed if it
believes that a judicial murder (of
Ferrer) has been committed."

the blame lies, not with the Spanish
government, but with the all-power-
ful Judeo-Masonic press, that misin-
forms the public and represents a
form of tyranny over men's minds
the like of which the world has
never known.

"The Judeo-Masonic press pro-
claims day by day that the Church
murdered Ferrer. Of course this is
absurd. The State needed no
prompting to do its duty in sup-
pressing bloody riots and punishing
the culprits. But it is true that
wherever the forces of law and order
are in collision with anarchy and
riots, the true antagonists are the
Catholic Church and secret soci-
eties."

Poisoning Wells.
In the resignation of Walter
George Smith from the directorate of
the University of Pennsylvania and
its acceptance a peculiar situation
has arisen. Mr. Smith resigned be-
cause his fellow trustees could see
no harm in the appointment of a pro-
fessor who not only openly advocat-
ed divorce but favored breaking
down the obstacles thereto still more
than existing laws permit.

Mr. Smith took the high position
that an institution for teaching the
young should, at least refrain from
encouraging the divorce evil by his
colleagues differed with him and a
majority of which are now published
pointed the man he opposed. To his
credit Mr. Smith could not tolerate
such action and he a consistent
Catholic so he resigned.

This episode is a scathing con-
demnation of Mr. Harold Hales, the
American colleges nearly all are
atheistic in tone and go far to sul-
limate all that Bishop McFaul has
said about the spread of unbelief in
Catholic colleges. As the Catholic
Standard and Times very pertinently
says:

It is evident that we have arrived
at a crucial point in the concerns of
the whole nation when university
professors and lay clergymen regard
with complacency, not to say satis-
faction, the concurrent facts of an
enormously increasing divorce rate
and an appalling decrease in the
birth rate. There is a sinister rela-
tionship between these two moral
plagues that no one can overlook.

They have grown upon the present
social order to further terrify the
mind—simultaneously with a decay
in belief in the Bible, in the Divinity
of Christ and, in fact, in any definite
form of religion.
"We believe Mr. Smith's action is
timely. College life is being sapped
by two powerful influences for evil—
sordid and inhuman Athletics and
cynical statistical Agnosticism. It is
a dark hour everywhere outside
the radius of the Catholic Church.
Her light alone burns steadfast."

Where to End?
Many non-Catholic American citi-
zens are asking themselves these
questions propounded by the Monitor
of Newark, N. J.

Are we in this country coming to
that pass, as in France when we
must bow down to the will of the
free-thinker and the irreligious?
Isn't it enough that religion is
barred in the schools without having
the onus of religion placed in
charge over them? Are we a very
stupid people, or is it all right as
long as the educators say so? Are
we not educated, or is this educa-
tion, the things we have not known
and are now learning? And suppose
we refuse to be educated along these
lines, suppose we take a higher,
nobler view of human life and its
purpose, suppose we admit God into
our problems and considerations,
suppose we choose to acknowledge
His will and our responsibility to
Him. What then? Are we to be
tried down by a handful of self-suf-
ferent world-worshippers who claim
the earth for themselves and who
deny others the right to think and
act for themselves; the right they
say is inherent in us all? Long ago
the Master of us all warned us
against "hirelings who go about in
the clothing of sheep;" about "whit-
ened sepulchres, outwardly fair, but
within full of corruption and dead
men's bones."

Editorial Notes.
This is from the Sacred Heart Re-
view: Rev. Dr. Myers, a Baptist
minister of Boston, as reported in
the Boston "Herald" November 26,
declared in his Thanksgiving sermon
in Tremont Temple that Christian
liberty never had a fiercer champion
than Ferrer, who never had a shadow
of guilt on him." Two days later
the same paper published the fact
that "Ferrer was the initiator in
Spain of atheistic schools and the
apostle of anarchy." So there you
are. Take your choice.

After the Ferrer episode, it is not
safe to trust the cable despatches.

It cannot be possible that the
present Board of Education, before
the Miss Gregory takes office, would
allow the Miss Gregory to think of Mrs. Montgom-
ery for superintendent of schools.

HOLIDAYS AT HOTEL SENECA.

Music and Good Cheer for Hotel
Seneca Patrons Will Prevail
Throughout the Holiday
Season.

There will be special programmes
of music by the Hotel Seneca Or-
chestra at luncheon, dinner and after
the theater, with special concerts on
matinee days.

On Christmas Day there will be a
table d'hote dinner, from 6 to 8
o'clock, served at \$1.50. There will
be, during the dinner hour, a pro-
gramme of operatic and Christmas
music by the orchestra. Tables for
the dinner should be reserved at
once.

It is planned to meet the New
Year at the Hotel Seneca, with a
joyous welcome, and to this end all
plans are now being made. There
will be a soloist for the New Year
song, and the orchestra will have an
appropriate programme. Reservation
of tables for the New Year's celebra-
tion which will begin about 11
o'clock on New Year's eve, should
be made at once.

Rochester Beauty Books.

A new and particularly artistic
collection of photographs by Roch-
ester photographers has been recent-
ly placed on the market. The en-
tire collection numbers one hundred
and fifty different views the great
majority of which are now published
to honor the first time. Great care seems
to have been exercised by those who
arranged the plans as they are
scores of Rochester's better known
beauty spots pictured and by best
artists obtainable. Some views are
unobscured such as the Famous Willow
Pond picture or Interior of the Court
house were selected from many of
the same subject which were at the
disposal of the publishers. A large
lot of park views contribute toward
establishing the claims of the Flower
City.

The entire collection is divided
into four volumes averaging thirty
five views to a volume. Each picture
is mounted by hand on art paper
and beautifully bound. Every view
is numbered and refers to a front
page index which gives a descrip-
tion of the photograph and name of
photographer.

Those versed in photography and
the public in general seem to be
satisfied that these Rochester
Souvenir Books are superior in many
ways equal to any previous publica-
tions of the same kind. Large mailing
envelopes are provided with sets of
the books when they are to be sent
to out-of-town friends for Christmas
presents. These books, very reason-
ably priced, were seen at The Sibley,
Lindsay & Carr Co store.

St. Mary's—Canandaigua.
Prayers were offered last Sunday
for the repose of the souls of Mrs.
Jeremiah Murphy and Miss Anna Mix
of Flushing, L. I.

The school collection for Decem-
ber will be taken up next Sunday.
High masses of requiem this week
will be celebrated for Mrs. Patrick
Buckley and for Mr. and Mrs. M.
Patterson.

Masses on Christmas will be at
midnight 8:15 and 10:4.
Father Massett preached and
heard confessions at the County
Home Sunday afternoon and brought
Holy Communion to twenty five per-
sons at the Institution on Monday.

Congratulations from many Can-
andaigua friends are extended to
Rev. James Kennedy of Hammonds-
port upon the completion and dedi-
cation last Sunday, of his new
church.

The following are appointed as
ushers at the midnight mass: Will
Hergin, Will Fogarty, Ben Fuller,
Frank Kennedy, John Linehan, Hugh
Smith and Will Meath.

The babies baptized last Sunday
were John Joseph Kinsella, Thomas
Edwin Reed and Geraldine Marie
Cuppins.

School was dismissed Monday
afternoon on account of the funeral
of Senator Raines.

What promises to be one of the
most pleasant and interesting fairs
ever held by the people of St.
Mary's opens Christmas night and
will continue with an interesting
new program every evening till New
Year's night. The Fair is a sort
of an old home week when former
Canandaiguans meet their friends
and renew acquaintances. The
North and South side booths are
working very strenuously and a large
share of interest attaches to the
contest.

Hair Ornaments
For Christmas. We have over 150
original and exclusive designs in
solid gold and silver mounted tor-
tolose shell and imitation back and
side combs, hair pins, etc. Also a
full line of right and left pins suit-
able for the turban headdress from
25c each upward. In our shampoo-
ing parlor we employ expert hair-
dressers only; no learners. We make
a specialty of the latest turban hair-
dress, also manuring, face massage,
children's hair cutting, etc. Levan-
son's Hair Store, 33 Clinton Ave-
nue North, opposite Sibley's side en-
trance.



Separate Fur Pieces

Many times one wishes to purchase a Muff or
Scarf alone, instead of the complete set. Or, perhaps
one has a Muff or Scarf to be matched with the piece
necessary to complete the set.

To provide for this, we have separate Muffs and
Scarfs in furs of all kinds, so that one can find just the
style desired or a perfect match for the piece one has.

And the prices are low. In fact our regular prices
are lower than the "reduction prices" to be had else-
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Muffs, \$5.00 to \$30.00.
- Persian Paw Sets**
Scarfs, \$3.00 to \$20.00.
Muffs, \$6.00 to \$20.00.
- Broadtail Sets**
Scarfs, \$6.00 to \$20.00.
Muffs, \$15.00 to \$40.00.
- Gray Wolf Sets**
Scarfs, \$10.00 to \$15.00.
Muffs, \$10.00 to \$18.00.
- Jap Mink Sets**
Scarfs, \$6.00 to \$50.00.
Muffs, \$9.00 to \$40.00.
- Isabella Fox Sets**
Scarfs, \$9.00 to \$40.00.
Muffs, \$10.00 to \$40.00.
- Black Fox Sets**
Scarfs, \$15.00 to \$50.
Muffs, \$12.00 to \$50.
- Black Lynx Sets**
Scarfs, \$18.00 to \$100.
Muffs, \$15.00 to \$80.
- Eastern Mink Sets**
Scarfs, \$10.00 to \$150.
Muffs, \$20.00 to \$100.
- Baum Marten Sets**
Scarfs, \$30 to \$150
Muffs, \$50 to \$100.
- Hudson Bay Sable Sets**
Scarfs, \$125 to \$250.
Muffs, \$125 to \$250.
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Scarfs, \$100 to \$400.
Muffs, \$100 to \$350.

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