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### Anarchist.

Those citizens who have been finding 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 Alexander Berkman, the anarchist who tried to kill Henry C. Frick.

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

"We allowed a number of anarchists 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 in the Workmen's Circle, whose membership is by no means exclusively Socialist, begs the privilege, Mrs. Kean, to decide for itself what teachers the organization should employ in its schools.

The Socialist outcry against anarchist teachers is really amusing. The teachers' conference, which I had recently attended, seemed to be terrified out of its wits because several anarchists had been invited by the Arbeiter Ring School Board to teach in their Sunday schools. The question naturally arises, "Why are the Socialists afraid of anarchist teachers?"

Those Socialists who speak with so much enthusiasm and admiration about Ferrer and his method of teaching in his Sunday schools cannot possibly object to anarchist teachers. The latter are in perfect agreement with the method 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 implanted 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 anarchist teachers do not believe is the forcing of the child's mind and cramming it with either Socialist or anarchist dogmas. Some of the children are mere tots, from five to ten years of age. To teach them "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 prejudice, thus paving the way for the child's ability of subsequent intelligent 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 apparent 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 matters, who says to the New York "Evening Post":  
"You were right in saying that the world cannot be blamed if it even dare to think of Mrs. Montgomery that a judicial murder (of Ferrer) has been committed."

But the blame lies, not with the Spanish government, but with the all-powerful Judeo-Masonic press, that misrepresents 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 proclaims day by day that the Church murdered Ferrer. Of course this is absurd. The State needed no prompting to do its duty in suppressing 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 societies."

### 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 Orchestra 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 programme 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 celebration which will begin about 11 o'clock on New Year's eve, should be made at once.

### 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 because his fellow trustees could see no harm in the appointment of a professor who not only openly advocated 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 its colleagues differed with him and appointed the man he opposed. To his credit Mr. Smith could not tolerate such action and he a consistent Catholic so he resigned.

### Rochester Beauty Books.

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Those versed in photography and the public in general seem to be so unanimous that these Rochester Souvenir Books are superior in many ways equal to any previous publications 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 reasonably priced, were seen at The Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co store.

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Prayers were offered last Sunday for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Jeremiah Murphy and Miss Anna Mix of Flushing, L. I.

### Where to End?

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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 education, 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-sufficient 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 "whitewashed sepulchres, outwardly fair, but within full of corruption and dead men's bones."

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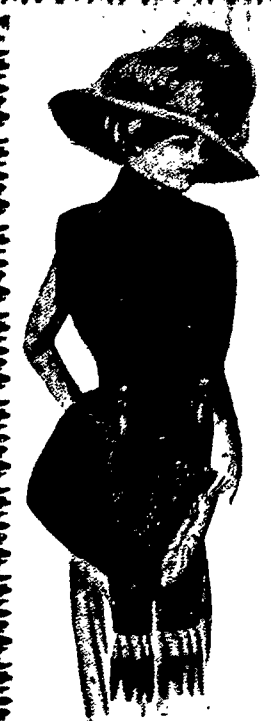
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