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Religious Freedom

Judging from recent happenings, there must be a veritable avalanche of bigotry throughout the South, formerly the home of chivalry and a sanctuary for the one who would live in a land where men were decent and women were above reproach and woe be to the man who would even insinuate aught of an indecent character against the women of the community.

Possibly, this is because this sort of thing is carried on now by narrow men from the Northern States. Certainly, it does not com-

port with our fancied measure of Southern manhood and womanhood. In the olden days, the man who slandered a Catholic nun would be ostracised even by the non-Catholics.

These reflections are impelled by perusal of a powerful sermon preached by Rev. M. Ashby Jones in the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga. Dr. Jones attacked what is known as the "Veasey Bill" recently enacted by the Georgia Legislature. Incidentally, Georgia is the home of Tom Watson one of the arch bigots of all time.

Ostensibly, the new law directs grand juries to investigate eleemosynary institutions in search of crime. Let Dr. Jones tell its real purpose:

"If this bill becomes a law it will vitally affect our whole social system and Christian pulpits should speak with no uncertainty sound upon this subject. Democracy is the child of secrecy. Their leaders exact tribute of money or place by threats democracy and Christianity are identical. Democracy is essentially the right to choose, limited only by the rights of others. A man has the right to choose anything that promises a little his business, limited only by the rights of others; and above all a man has the sacred right to choose his own God and worship according to the dictates of his own conscience. America's greatest contribution to the world has been religious freedom. The essence of the Christian religion is the right of the individual to choose. God's divine invitation is to 'whosoever will,' but every man must accept the invitation for himself."

This Veasey bill, according to Dr. Jones's reading of it gives private institutions looking for the right to investigate any institution which it supports and which the State appropriates money in this country. He is a proponent of investigation, motor of social discord and anarchy, and to the extent that one dollar to any organized religion, for appropriation carries is a criminal, such a dissentist with it a certain right of control, is a criminal. Secret societies in this bill does not empower investigation where the institution is supported by the State - it makes it right for the government to go into private institutions and investigate to see if they can find worse than that, they generate crime. The most fundamental assumption of the law courts is that

no man has to prove his innocence; yet here the State is given the right to go into private institutions without the justification of an indictment or even a formal charge of wrong to hunt for unnamed and unnamable crimes!

And some say if the institution is innocent it should not mind If the State attempted to search your home without any indictment, would not the red blood of every true man rebel and protest?

"The true significance is deeper and more damnable; it was shamelessly admitted by some, and shamefully denied by others, that this bill is aimed at the Roman Catholics. If there had been the slightest suggestion made that the Baptist orphanage at Hopeville or the Methodist school at Macon, should be searched for possible crime, no legislature would have dared to pass such a bill."

Is this not a fine position for Southern Legislature to take? And what must be the level of Georgia manhood and intelligence to stand for such work? Does Georgia intend to advertise to the rest of the country that it desires Catholics in its borders, wants no Catholic money spent in the State, no Catholic visitors?

Lunacy of Bigotry.

It is an encouraging sign of the times to find our non-Catholic friends protesting against the "lunacy of bigotry." When our separated brethren are educated to see that slander of the Catholics may easily happen

This thought is well conveyed in the following editorial from "Reedy's Mirror", a non-Catholic publication: An Independent Voters League in this city (St. Louis, Mo.) proclaims its purpose to defeat for office any or all candidates of the Roman Catholic faith or associations. This is the lunacy of bigotry. Fortunately, there are few such lunatic bigots, and organizations of this kind flourish through the fear engendered by the use of a vague, unknown power.

They rope in many political aspirants who are ready to "jine" anything that promises a little support in votes. Those very men are soliciting Roman Catholic support while pledged to proscription of members of that Church.

Such independent voters' leagues seldom elect or defeat anyone. Some few fanatics may believe that a Roman Catholic cannot possibly be a good and true citizen of the United States, but how any sane man who has Roman works alongside of Roman Catholics in office, factory, or store, can cherish and enmity passes private institutions looking for the right to investigate any institution which it supports and which the State appropriates money in this country. He is a proponent of investigation, motor of social discord and anarchy, and to the extent that one dollar to any organized religion, for appropriation carries is a criminal, such a dissentist with it a certain right of control, is a criminal. Secret societies in this bill does not empower investigation where the institution is supported by the State - it makes it right for the government to go into private institutions and investigate to see if they can find worse than that, they generate crime. The most fundamental assumption of the law courts is that

COUNTY HIBERNIANS ELECT.

Michael T. Ryan Made President Membership Contest Projected.

At the regular biennial convention of the Ancient order of Hibernians of Monroe county, held at Holy Apostles Hall Thursday evening, Michael T. Ryan was elected county president for the ensuing two years. Owen P. Smith was elected vice-president. Frank Mulcahy, recording secretary, John McGorry, financial secretary and Philip Walsh treasurer. The newly elected officers were installed by the retiring county president, P. P. Kelly.

Increased Earning Power

May be gained by taking the course in Accountancy and Business Administration at the Rochester Business Institute, beginning next Monday evening, September 25, at 7:30 o'clock. Enrollment for this course may be made any time up to next Monday evening. A goodly number of enrollments were made on Wednesday evening at the close of the explanation of these courses by Mr. O. M. Miller, of the Pace & Pace New York Schools. Come up and talk with us about the substantial advantages these courses afford for promotion and increase of salary. R. B. I. Building, 172 Clinton Avenue, South. S. C. Williams, Dr. J. F. Forbes, Principals. - Adv.

Ignorance.

The "Catholic Universe" makes a good point when it says: The ignorance of Catholicity outside the Church is a pity, but the ignorance of Catholicity inside the Church is almost a sin. Nothing does so much harm, by losing innumerable opportunities to do good as the inability of many Catholics to give an account of the faith that is in them.

A practical working knowledge of the doctrines of the Church, at least a store of the information necessary to refute the common objections of outsiders, is really a part of that loyalty which the most careless would resent to have impugned. The average objections are themselves so superficial that it is a shame that all Catholics who profess to be "practical Catholics" are not able to refute them absolutely from their own knowledge of the principles of our religion.

Forty Hours Devotion.

Dansville Sept. 21. - The devotion of the Forty Hours, which opened last Sunday morning in St. Mary's Church, closed Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock high mass. The church was packed to its full capacity each evening and the attendance at all the services was very large. The pastor, Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, was assisted by the following clergy: Rev. John Boppel; St. Boniface Church, Rochester; Rev. Francis Hoefen, St. Michael's Church, Rochester; Rev. Otto Geiger, Holy Family Church, Rochester; Rev. J. B. Stemmler, St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira; Rev. F. Scheid, Cohocton; Rev. Herman Schafer, Moscow; Rev. A. Temmerman, chaplain State Reformatory, Elmira; Rev. G. T. Jones, Genesee; Rev. Ernest Ziegler, Perkinsville.

The sermon on Sunday evening was by Rev. F. Scheid, on Monday evening by Rev. A. Temmerman and on Tuesday evening by Rev. Francis Hoefen.

May be Chosen as Cardinal.

Press dispatches state that several foreign cardinals are to be created at a consistory which Pope Benedict is to hold in Rome in November. Among the names to be considered for the appointment, according to the dispatch, is that of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco, formerly of this city.

Musa Caravan's Clambake.

Members of Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, held their annual Clambake at Summerville on Wednesday. The party of 175 persons reached Popp Inn just as the pit was opened. Alderman Martin B. O'Neill of the Fifteenth ward, presided at the dinner. He read several letters received from members of the order who are with Uncle Sam's troops at the border. Boxes of cigars had been sent to each, and heartfelt thanks was expressed by every writer.

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