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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 few such lunatic bigots, there should speak with no uncertainty sound upon this subject.

"Democracy is the child of secrecy. Christianity and in many instances 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 Catholic for neighbors, who man must accept the invitation for himself."

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 be refuted.

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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.

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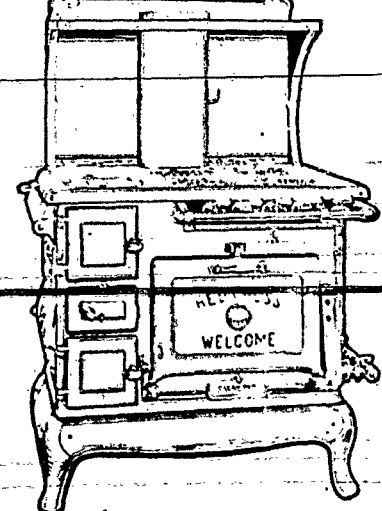
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