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The Centennial of Romanism.

The city of Baltimore, from Sunday to Wednesday of the week just past, was the seat and scene of a Romish convale brought together for the purpose, in part, of celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the first Episcopal See constituted in the United States, with John Carroll as the first bishop.

The cathedral ceremonies were preceded by a procession of priests in black cassocks and white surplices, who in front of the Cardinal's residence formed in line to receive the bishops.

The scenes at the cathedral in the evening were a re-enactment of those of the morning with the substitution of vespers. Archbishop Ireland of Minnesota preached the sermon. He said:

attention. The edifice was speedily filled to its utmost capacity including every inch of standing room.

Arrayed in full pontificals of white and gold the centennial mass was celebrated by Bishop Williams, assisted by any number of church dignitaries. A hundred selected voices executed the music. The crimson-voiced canopies, the purple and white vestments, the festoons of flowers and the smoke of burning incense all combined to make a sensational and showy display that was both brilliant and dazzling.

"Of all the false charges," said the prelate, "argued against the Catholic church, the most senseless and unfounded is that she fears science and is the enemy of education." But all history goes to show that although through the dark ages letters were fostered in church cloisters, the diffusion of knowledge among the masses was not only never encouraged by the church but never allowed when it could possibly be prevented.

The speaker asserted that "intelligent Protestants are gradually disabused of the old notion that the Catholics exalt the Blessed Virgin to a position equal to that of the Son; that priests can forgive sins according to their pleasure; that images may be adored after the fashion of the Pagans; that the Bible should not be read, and other absurd supposed doctrines and practices of the church."

"A gentleman who has just returned from the Province of Quebec says that in a certain parish, after mass Sunday morning, he saw several hundred Bibles publicly burned in front of the church at the instance of the curé of the parish, who had collected them from the parishioners. Agents from one of the Bible societies have been selling large numbers of the New Testament in this particular part of the province, and after warning his congregation against purchasing the curé went from house to house collecting, from those of his flock who had disobeyed his orders, the books they purchased.

It was unfortunate that on the very day of the Archbishop's eloquent sermon, the smoke of hundreds of Bibles was ascending heavenward, fired at the instigation of a Romish priest.

"The great work the Catholics of the United States were called to do within the coming century was to make America Catholic. The importance of the possession of America to the cause of religion cannot well be overestimated. America's influence is widespread among nations, and the church triumphant in America, Catholic truth would travel on the wings of American influence and encircle the universe.

"It can be shown to the American people that they need the church for the preservation and complete development of national character and social order. They must look to her to maintain for them in the consciences of citizens the principles of natural equity and law, without which a self-governing people will not exist.

"America Catholic! Roman Catholic, of course, is meant. How do American freemen like the picture? Yes, America will become Catholic when her children learn to love darkness better than light; when they prefer slavery to liberty; when they desire for their posterity the condition of the lower classes of Mexico, Spain and Italy; when they forget the tortures of the stake, the fagot, the rack, the thumb-screw and the thousand horrors of the Inquisition; then, it may be, America will become Roman Catholic.

"That is what makes the bats and the owls to flutter. Stand guard over your public schools. Continue to educate the masses. That is what Rome most fears. She does not so much object to enlightenment among the rich and powerful of earth, for she can't help herself. It is the poor and the lowly she would keep in servility and ignorance.

"The editor of the JOURNAL is just such a 'Jesus' as was Bruno, or Servetus. Those men loved the truth more than the applause of men. They held to their conception of right and duty even though they saw the stake and fagots prepared and waiting for them. No threats, no malicious vituperation, nothing that superstitious fanatics led on by wily priests and fanatical preachers could do was sufficient to deter them from the straight line of duty.

"The annual meeting of this association, which took place in Philadelphia, closed its sessions with large audiences. There were reports read from all over the land and there were sermons and discussions. The association is a sort of central helping and advisory body, with no governing control over any church, but the recipient and disburser of money for helping new societies, spreading literature, etc., some \$50,000 to \$100,000 yearly passing through its hands, always honestly used and fairly accounted for.

"I (name,) now in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed Michael the Archangel, the Blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the saints and sacred hosts of heaven, and to you, my ghostly father, do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, the Pope, (N.) is Christ's Vicar general and is the true and only head of the Universal Church throughout the earth, and that, by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing, given to his Holiness by Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose all heretical kings, prince, states, commonwealths, governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, that they may be safely destroyed, therefore to the utmost of my power I will defend this doctrine and his Holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the heretical and Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority of the Church of England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred mother Church of Rome. I do renounce and disown all allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state named Protestant or obedience to any of their inferior magistrates or officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the Church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants to be damnable and those to be damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his Holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestants' doctrine and to destroy all their pretended power, legal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother Church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me by you, my ghostly father, or by any one of this convent. All of which I do swear by the Holy Trinity and blessed sacrament, which I am now to receive, to perform and on my part to keep inviolably, and do call all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness my real intentions to keep this my oath. In my testimony hereof I take his most holy and blessed sacrament, of the Eucharist and witness the same further with my hand and seal in the face of this holy convent."

That Jesuit Bugbear.

It is painfully amusing to discover from time to time how persistently falsehood will live and thrive, especially when it is in the interests of a class to perpetuate it and this class can find ready dupes to aid them. The transparently false and malicious falsehood invented by Thomas R. Hazard, and on which Jonathan M. Roberts spent thousands of dollars coining in different styles and sizes for spiritualistic currency, to wit: that the editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL was a Jesuit and in the employ of Romanism, continues to pass current among fools, knaves and the wilfully ignorant, long after the inventor and coiner have passed to a world where they must stand face to face with their records and shoulder the responsibility of all their acts and deeds.

Something over eighteen years ago the whole western region was horrified over the atrocious murder of one Dr. York and no-

body knew of how many others, in Labette county, Kansas, which was traced to the Bender family who were living on a road-side in that then new and sparsely settled country. Parties who were known to have started to travel over that road disappeared and were never heard of afterwards, but it was somehow ascertained that the travelers never got beyond the Bender house in either direction, and at length a search being made a revelation of the family's awful crimes came to light and it was found that their house had been a veritable charnel house of ogres, though the assassins had fled. The whole country was aroused when the story of butchery and carnage was made known and the entire region was ineffectively scoured in search for them.

"I have tried my best to obtain subscribers for the JOURNAL, but many say they will not take a paper that makes war on mediums. Mr. Henry Olney, of Lake Port, Mich., told me to day he heard on good authority at Haslett Park camp that you had sold yourself to the devil, in other words to the Catholics. I have taken the JOURNAL because I like it, and hope it will always flourish. Truly yours friend,

Mrs. H. N. HAMILTON. Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 7th, 1889.

Mrs. Hamilton, like all who read and pay for the JOURNAL, is an intelligent and well-informed person on whom the atrocious lie produces no other effect than to excite righteous indignation and inspire to renewed efforts on behalf of the paper. But the story is told to hundreds like this Mr. Olney who are either eager to accept and repeat it or too mentally and morally shiftless to learn the facts.

Interest over the fate of Mrs. Maybrick is so great in New York, that over three thousand American women have signed a petition to Queen Victoria for her release. The movement was inaugurated by one Dr. Campbell who fully believes in her innocence as to the murder of her husband for which she is under sentence, in England. Mrs. Maybrick is an American woman—a native of Alabama, and although the relations between herself and husband were by no means harmonious, and much that was adduced in the testimony looked dark against her, the evidence of guilt was at best only circumstantial, and the Doctor and many friends are persuaded of her entire innocence. The petition in question cannot be presented by Minister Lincoln, and therefore it is addressed to the Prince of Wales, who is requested to assume the merciful task of presenting it to his august mother. Had the unfortunate prisoner's life and conduct been freer from appearances of evil, the sympathy in her behalf would have been more general in this country than it has been.

American Unitarian Association.

Nick Becker of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, has sent us a note book of sciences which he has attended in that city, covering a period from February 9th to October 1st of this year, which were inaugurated for the purpose of investigation and development. He is very much gratified over the results obtained as the sitters have had raps, spirit lights and in one case a message was received on the underside of a slate that had been well cleaned and placed in the center of the table, their hands lightly touching the upper part of the frame. Mr. Becker notes that his own clairvoyant sight is being opened and makes the following record: "April 6th, after retiring, I saw a spirit or rather two—a woman with a baby in her arms. I saw them plainly, as the light from an electric lamp was shining into my room so that I could not have been mistaken." He says that five other persons are being developed for various phases of mediumship.

Consequent upon the increasing interest in what is termed "Christian Science," a course of Sunday lectures will be instituted and continued until further notice, with Mrs. Ursula Gestefeld as lecturer. These lectures will be adapted especially to those who have been repelled by the apparent absurdity of the claims of Christian Science, and who desire such a presentation of them as will enable intelligent, thinking people, who are honestly desirous of finding what truth there is in them, to do so. These lectures will not be supported by voluntary contributions or through personal solicitation. A fixed price of admission will cover the expenses, relieving those who attend from appeals for aid in carrying them on. The admission fee will be twenty-five cents per lecture and all are cordially invited. The lectures will be given at Ethical Society Hall, 45 East Randolph street, Sunday evenings at 7.30.

From Colombo, Ceylon, copies of The Buddhist reach us, a neat sheet with a Pali motto (the ancient sacred Buddhist language) at its head, and dated 6th Ava Nikini, 2433 (August, 1889). A tinge of theosophy of the Olcott style is apparent, and along with this other matter from native correspondents, showing thought of value and recording useful work.

The advertisement of liquors at the Ceylon railroad stations is sharply condemned by native writer as fraught with danger an-

The Original Draft.

Oh, Mary had a little lamb, regarding whose cuticular, The fluff exterior was white and kniked in each particular.

Getting Stirred Up.

I am glad to see that people are getting stirred up. I have had letters from different states since the "reproach" began, some of them quite enthusiastic.

What I saw at Cassadaga Lake in 1888 by A. B. Richmond is an Addendum to a Review in 1887 of the Seybert Commission's Report.

Our Heredity from God, by E. P. Powell, shows the latest bearings of science on such questions as God and Immortality.

Science devotes over a column to it, and says: "One does not always open a book treating on the moral aspects of evolution with an anticipation of pleasure or instruction."

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