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In Reply to the Address of Mr. Powell

Concluded from third page. wholly undisputed and indisputable. And yet no author of American history, no writer of any repute or standing on the American continent has ever dared to risk his reputation by putting his imprimatur on any of them. Some of them are doubtless the creatures of Mr. Powell's imagination. At least that accusing the Catholic church of the rebellion and that relating to the Jesuit priest's infinence over the Catholic hero of Gettysburg are new. The others-those, I mean, referring to the assassination of Lincoln, the papal recognition of the confederacy and the wholesale desertion of Catholies from the Union army-have been exposed again and again by some of the ablest Protestant writers in the United States.

To particularize. What school boy does not know that the great leading cause that brought on the great rebellion was the question of African slavery. Questions relating to tariff and free trade and the doctrine of states rights there undoubtedly were; but these and all others were secondary, grew out of or bore an inferior relation to the great issue. Religion cut no figure whatever. The Catholics of the South were probably not 5 per cent. of the population. Jefferson Davis, the arch-conspirator, belonged to Mr. Powell's own church as did, I believe, several members of his cabinet, many of his fellow-conspirators and not a few of the commissioned officers of the rebel army. If it would be a monstrous calumny to accuse Mr. Powell's church of bringing about the rebellion, and it surely would, what Surrat was the only Catholic identified shall we call it when that gentleman makes a similar accusation, with not a scintilla of fact or history to back it, against the Catholic church.

The alleged papal recognition of the tory of the efforts of Jefferson Davis to obtain the pope's recognition is fully treated in the October number of the bewas tried, that he was not in Washtreated in the October number of the States consul at Paris during the war. I cannot go into the history here. Suf-fice it that the only recognition ever giv. fice it that the only recognition ever given by the pope to the Confederacy was contained in the address of a letter writ-Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States." The rebel commissumed in his letter. This is all there is or ever was to this A. P. A. invention. Even Roland D. Grant, who never asks more than a hair to make a tether of when Catholics are to be strangled, was obliged to abandon the fabrication to the more ignorant and less scrupulous A. P. point, cites the case of a Georgian rebel, A. lecturers. The New York Independent fully exposed the fraudulency of organize a corps of five hundred assau-

the charge in the March, 1895, number sine was "respectfully referred," by the head of the A. P. A. occupied the er number of Catholics deserted the number of the Century magazine says; are these thy messengers? Union army in consequence. I will go "There is little evidence to prove that farther than I did then. I will allow Booth actually determined upon murthe A. P. A.s to name the lawyers, only der until the day of the assassination, stipulating that those chosen are not and none to show that he confided his suspected of membership in the A. P. A. intention to any one till that day." This offer is made in the name of a But I must close, leaving much unwealthy Catholic resident of The Dalles. said. Mr. Powell is in great dread of Will the anti-Catholic zealots take it the old nursery bugatoo of Catholic up? Never. They cannot, because they drilling and Catholic armament, and indare not. But they will continue to ap- stanced the case of the head of the Clan-

hero of Gettysburg may be dismissed juncture. So far as the record shows, Drug Co. with a word. It is a base lying slander. No other words will fittingly characterize it. When night closed on the second day of that great battle both armies were badly whipped; both had been literally cut to pieces. At the close of the following day when, by the help of Hancock's reinforcements, a bloody but decisive victory had been won by the federal troops, these troops found themselves in possession of more rebel prisoners than they, in their shattered condition, could safely hold and yet follow up the retreat. A council of war was held, the advice of Gen. Hancock among the rest, given, and the following up of the retreating rebels was abandoned because it was found, under existing conditions, to be impracticable. If this decision was the result of a Catholic conspiracy then the Protestant Hancock and the other members of the council were partners in the crime.

"But the Catholic church accomplished the assassination of Abraham Lincoln," says this reverend prevaricater. Now what are the facts? In no standard work, in no official document, ever published on this continent is this charge or any insinuation of it made or even hinted at. The official acts bearing on the assassination and trial of the conspirators, compiled by the recorder of the commission, Benjamin Pitman, have been published and in all the records of the trial there is no aliusion to any Catholic conspiracy. The great biography of Lincoln, by Nicolay and Hay, in ten volumes, has not even an insinuation about the charge. In a letter, a copy of which I have before me, Mr. Nicolay, speaking for himself and his colleague, in answer to an inquiry, says: "We have read the charge in a long newspaper article, but it seemed so entirely groundless as not to merit any attention on our part."

John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Lincoln, was of English descent, and an Episcopalian in religion as was his prother Edwin, to my own persons knowledge, and all the rest of his family. Harold's family were members of Christ's Episcopal church, East Washington, and the pastor of that church, Rev. Dr. Olds, attended this conspirator from the time of his incarceration to his perate attack on Secretary Seward, was the son of a Protestant clergyman. Atzerod was an avowed atheist. Mrs. with the conspiracy and she, in the judgment of thousands, was innocent of any criminal intent. However this may be, I repeat, Mrs. Surrat was the only Catholic identified with the con-Confederacy is equally false. The hiswas able to convince eight of North American Review by Hon. John ington at the time of the assassination, Bigelow, a Protestant, who was United and took no part in the plot. The government, on the disagreement of the the life of Mr. Lincoln may never be known till the judgment day reveals it, but nothing eave the mad phrenzy of ten by the pope to Jefferson Davis in December, 1863, which read, "Hon. Mr. tempted to identify that history with the Catholic church. Other attempts sioner, A. Dudley Mann, forwarded this had been made on the life of Lincoln, letter exultingly to the rebel secretary of and patriotic writers of the period made Mr. Davis in the title Mr. Davis had as- ing characterized Jefferson Davis as the "crafty and malignant chief conspirator, who seems to have been ready at all times to entertain propositions to assassinate, by the hand of secret murder. the officers of the government, at Washington;" and, what is still more to the

pland the hosts of churchless parsons na-gael who offered 100,000 men to Pres-

of that Protestant Journal. This dis- Jefferson Dayls, to his secretary of war, intervals of forging Jesuit cathe and poses of the charges of Catholic deser- But no writer of that time, and no papal encyclicals in denouncing the Catholic deserted because of this recog- church of Sheridan, Shields, Meagher, Protestant nations on the globe."

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some time ago, and it is open to anyone the church of thousands and tens of such momentums issues as; How shall in the universe: One hundred dollars thousands of brave boys, whose blood we deprive some poor Catholic girl of in gold coin will be paid to any charity reddened every battle field from Bull the opportunity to teach in the public or educational institution named by the Run to Appomatox, was all the while in schools, or snatch from some Catholic winner for such proof as will satisfy secret conspiracy to ruin the cause for citizen the right to hold office or even three Protestant lawyers of this city that which her sone were pouring out their make a living under the starry folds of the pope ever recognized the Southern lives. So far as the Booth conspiracy is the flag of liberty. Gospel of heaven, Confederacy, or that 104,000 or any oth- concerned, a writer in the present April are these thy heralds? God of liberty,

and professional patriots who repeat it. ident Cleveland at the time of Venezue-, regulate the world," said a genius. The Oh Liberty, what crimes are done in thy lan excitement. But Mr. Powell forgot druggist handed him a bottle of DeWitt's to mention how many A. P. A. "patri- Little Early Risers, the famous little The charge against the Catholic ots' had offered their services at this pills. For sale by Snipes-Kinereley



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