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THE SLIME OF THE SERPENT.

HERE IS a Catholic printing concern in St. Louis, Mo., which is putting out all kinds of literature in an attempt to stem the tide of American sentiment that is very liable to soon swamp the old pirate ship of Romanism. Under the title of "The Slime of the Serpent," these sweet "singers in Israel" are circulating a pamphlet from which we quote the following:

"Why Doesn't the Church Refute Such Vile Charges?"

"The Catholic church is used to such attacks as 'The Menace' makes. In every generation they had their little day, and died. She has been at the cradle and the coffin of legions of such defamers. In 1855 the anti-Catholic Know-Nothings had twenty-eight congressmen ranged with them. The church was not so well known as it is today. They died away, and the church became better known. About 1891 the American Protective Association warned the country of the 'menacing encroachment of the church' and substantiated its statements with forged letters from eight Catholic bishops instructing Catholics to persecute Protestants, and with forged decrees from the pope calling upon the Catholics to massacre their fellow-countrymen around the fast of St. Ignatius, 1894. Like their predecessors, these 'Protectives' lied too much. In 1894 there were seventy weeklies like 'The Menace'; they have all gone to glory, save possibly one. They barked themselves hoarse, curled up and died. ('Irish World,' May 11, 1912.)

"Now come the Guardians of Liberty uttering their warnings through such throats as 'Watson's Magazine,' and 'The Menace.' They will lie as their fathers lied, and will die as their fathers died. A Baptist minister said some time ago, 'All these things about the Catholics are true; here they are printed in black and white in 'The Menace.' Let us examine:

"The Menace's Love of Truth.

"To you in your honesty, it seems incredible that a minister of the gospel could in public print lie constantly, systematically, diabolically. 'For,' you say, 'if these things are untrue, what motive could induce him to tell of the pernicious political activity, Jesuitical intrigue, wanton cruelty and bestial obscenity of the Catholic church? Yet this is what Rev. T. Walker is doing—lying constantly, systematically, diabolically. And the motive? It is either hatred or hunger—maybe a little of both. He is a minister who for years had no call to any pulpit; yet he needed money, and the churches were calling for ministers. In Hampton's Magazine for September, 1911, you will see that in 1906 the Baptists had 6302 more churches than ministers; the Lutherans, 3353; Presbyterians, 2855; the Methodists of all sorts, 20,253, etc. Surely, if Mr. Walker were a man fit mentally and morally he could have filled a pulpit in some one of these 32,762 vacant charges. But no one wished him. He does not show in his paper so much a lack of brains as he does a lack of morals; and we doubt not that it was because he was morally unfit to preach the gospel that no church called him. And the morals of his paper prove that the churches were right. The Socialistic paper, 'The Appeal to Reason,' long ago recognized that the Catholic church is the only organized force capable of combatting Socialism. If it attacked the church openly it could not hope to gain the Catholic workingman to its cause. It must lessen the Catholic power while seeming not to meddle in religion. But to do this it must get as editor one who would lie shamelessly and tirelessly, about the Catholic church. So it took Mr. Walker, a minister whom no church would have. And now he makes his living with his lies; and he will lie so long as he can get a dime from his readers.

"He finds a market for his wares chiefly in parts of the country where the Catholics are few. Naturally, the Catholics being little known, are misunderstood. To such regions he sends all the lies that a depraved imagination can invent; and to give plausibility to his lies, he gives names of persons that do not exist, or gives addresses that are vague or untrue, or places that are not on the map; gives names of notaries before whom sworn testimonies were made, notaries not listed by the state; or he takes the testimony of depraved women whom the courts had committed to reformatories, and makes their testimonies read as though the writers had been 'confined in convents,' and sells these lies to you for the nominal sum of 50c a year. It is a bad bargain; because, if you wished to, you could sit down and manufacture all these lies for nothing. But you do not wish to. No one does that has respect for God, one's neighbor, or one's self."

Yes, Old Beast, it is true that the "Menace" people all down the ages have tried to get rid of you, but your hellish, Jesuitical methods have still left you a victor at the cradle and at the coffin of legions of your victims. But your days are numbered. Although your secret agents, your spies and sneaks have broken up many attempts to save the world from your tyranny, yet the spirit of the "Know-Nothing" movement and the A. P. A.'s are still here. Not only this, the individuals who have been crushed by your iron heel, and their children, and their children's children are here and ready to use the sharp two-edged sword of truth on your old licentious anatomy to its utter death and destruction. The Guardians of Liberty are here, indeed. The fraternal societies, which you have kicked once too much, are here. The protesting churches are uniting against you. The Socialists are on your track, and even the great guns of the printing press are being trained on your strong forts.

"The Menace"—Rev. T. Walker, is telling the truth about your institution and your priests, and the half has not yet been told. You are a sweet lot to talk about Mr. Walker's lack of brains and lack of morals, and, if he were ever so bad, it would not help your case in the least. You state that no church would have Mr. Walker. This is a lie and you know it. You say he gives names and addresses that are not true and notaries not listed in the state. Again you lie. The writer is one of the notaries used by the Menace, and the party who sent in their sworn statement was obliged to prove the authenticity of the document before Mr. Walker would publish it. The Menace, like all active enemies of the hierarchy, has one awful thing to contend with, though, and that is the stories against Catholics and Catholic institutions which the priests get up for the purpose of discrediting all that their enemies say against them.

Down through the ages this has been the Jesuitical method of breaking their opponents' ranks. They have "escaped nuns" out talking to Protestant audiences, agents occupying Protestant pulpits, public school teachers, Masons in high office, editors whom no one suspects of being in the Roman ranks and servant girls by the thousands as detectives in the homes of rich and influential families. But we will close with a Roman lie that will show their method of saying one thing and doing just the opposite. At this moment they are using every effort in their power to put the Menace out of business through the United States government authorities. Now how does this fact tally up with the following statement taken from the little pamphlet from which we are quoting:

"We have been asked so many times, 'If the Menace is lying about the Catholic church, why doesn't that church deny the charges made?' that we take this opportunity of telling you something about that paper, and the reason the church hates to bother

with it. The church does not care to notice such obscenities, blasphemies and libels because it can hardly imagine that men in our day, right here in America can believe such lies; because noticing them increases their circulation; and because they are short-lived—their authors lie too much, defeat their own purpose, disgust their readers and bankrupt themselves."

"What an awful lie!"
"The first jump out of the box," they sued the Silverton Journal for \$50,000 and arrested the editor for criminal libel for telling the exact truth. Now they are trying with all their might to put The Menace out of the mails, and when we realize that the Silverton Journal's subscription list is outstripping all its competitors on the Pacific coast, even rapidly increasing in its own home district, and that the Menace now has 1,217,462 on its list, it looks as though a lot of people are getting disgusted with Catholicism, its disgusting, licentious priesthood, its robbery of honest, industrious people and its lies about those who are really and truly "on the square."

OUR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

WE HAVE no bosom friends among the priesthood, and yet we are more or less acquainted with quite a number of those who occupy important positions in Oregon's Catholic societies. To be sure some of this acquaintance is not of very long standing, but sometimes it doesn't take very long to get acquainted when one is anxious to know people.

We are delighted and are very anxious for our trial to come off so that other people can be introduced to some of our prominent, new-found friends. Of course, some of these cultured educators and representatives of Christ on earth love travel, and, as they have plenty of money, some of them may be traveling in Europe at the time of the trial, but all we can do is to do our best and "let the devil take the hindmost."

Rev. Father (we must leave this space blank for the present) is way up in office, but say, he's way down in some very essential points—Oh, well, what's the use, we can't tell the names and good qualities of these new acquaintances yet. We'll just have to wait and run the risk of everyone of them leaving the state, thus compelling us to get acquainted with a new bunch.

Our Mt. Angel friends started this \$50,000 case—wouldn't it be a good joke if the victim finished it with a grand stampede of Angels to Switzerland? We have made the statement before, that we have the goods, and now we want to state that we will certainly deliver them, barring bankruptcy or accidents.

Some of the questions that will be of interest to every lover of liberty in the world, and also to a number of those who love gold and power and lust better are: Where are some of the chief witnesses now? Who are these high Catholic officials who play with life and virtue as children do with toys? Why was the prosecution suddenly stopped? What—We dare go no farther at this writing, but friends, get ready for one of the greatest sensations ever recorded. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." It beats any yellow journalism ever thrown to a depraved public—truth and publicity is what we want and publicity and truth is what we will have. And when it is all over, perhaps the tired editor will be given a vacation in Europe or a resting place outside of the Catholic cemetery. We are ready for whatever comes or doesn't come, and we'll do the best we can.

BY PRETENSE OF LAW.

WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED that the Catholic parochial schools have been allowed to examine their own eighth grade students and that the Catholic decision on the standing of such students is final and admits to or rejects from our Oregon public high school work. Now this not only affects the student who enters from a Catholic school, but also all the other students. Is this right? Should the state go in with a private institution of any kind and turn over its authority to priests and nuns, thus giving one set of students an advantage or a disadvantage over another set?

Did you ever hear of the Lutheran schools or the Methodist schools being allowed such privileges?

But what about our juvenile courts turning girls over to their institutions? Do you know that there are young girls, just blossoming into womanhood who are enslaved in Oregon Catholic school pens—girls who want to get out, but are watched every moment—girls who slave for the hierarchy every day and who will get nothing excepting what the slave-drivers please to give them? Americans, are we going to stand this thing which has come upon us? Must we let our public school system be dominated by its enemies, and our American girls be held in bondage through pretense of law? Where will this thing end, if it isn't stopped now? There is a mighty big work for all of us to do and one of the first things is to get every liberty-loving man in this great nation to know the truth about our greatest enemy. Help us find the truth. Help us spread the truth. Help us to arouse those who know the truth, to prompt undaunted, unconquerable, effective action.

OUR FIGHT NOT PERSONAL.

OUR FIGHT AGAINST CATHOLICISM is not personal in the least. We have nothing against any priest, officer or member of the Catholic church. But we do hate the rottenness of the priesthood, the false doctrines and practices of the church and the ignorant, superstitious condition of the great mass of its poor, deluded people. But if the priests were as a rule perfectly virtuous and good, if most all their doctrines were true and if nearly all their practices led to better citizenship, and still one certain teaching and practice remained, we would fight against their organization. This teaching and practice is that of purgatory and securing money for getting loved ones out of its awful imaginary torments. This one thing puts the Catholic church in the list of the greatest criminals of today and of all history.

A darling child of a Catholic parent dies, or a beloved mother or a life companion, and here, at this time of abandonment in sorrow, comes the agent of this hellish band of robbers and steals away the hard-earned coin of months and years. Why do they take this way to get the money? Because the law allows them to do it. In many states fortune-telling and fake future forecasts and silly spiritual sight-seeing for money are prohibited. Why can't Oregon make a law to protect the innocent victims of the agents of Romanism?

We have no fight against individuals only as they represent evil principles, but we will fight such giant wrongs as this teaching and practice, which with their awful results, is all the hell there is in it, until it is frozen over, and then—well, we're good on skates.

Under the big heading "Reason," the Rainier beer people are putting out false reasoning that might catch some who are not wise as to their motive and to the weakness of their logic. They say that we should eat and drink in moderation and try to carry the idea that this means that it is all right to drink their beer in moderation. But the same argument would hold good for any injurious, poisonous drink. "We should eat and drink in moderation, to be sure, and some things we should not drink at all. The question is, is their beer one of these things. They claim that by divine authority we are required to practice temperance, which means that we may use and enjoy Nature's gifts. But beer is no more Nature's gifts than morphine or carbolic acid. They lay great stress on man being allowed to choose for himself what he shall eat and drink, but as social beings we can only be allowed to choose what the majority thinks is for the best interests of society for us to choose, and if it is for the public good that we refrain from drinking Rainier beer or eating ptomaine poisoned beef, Mr. Brewer will be obliged to "take his medicine."

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

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