

accompany them. His better nature asserts itself and he thinks of following them, when human respect intervenes and effectually stifles the impulse. No, it would never do for him, the head of the new party, elected by acclamation to be seen at the Cathedral with a lot of old devotees ! The lodge would never tolerate such a thing !..

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Besides, his report must be attended to immediately. Lapin as an influential member of the City Council had been chosen by the School Commissioners to draw up a report concerning the secularization of the three religious schools still existing in the city.

Naturally, he had promised his colleagues to take the affirmative side, still he was not at all sure about the