

IRISH CATHOLICS
IN THE UNITED STATES.

ity itself compared to this hooded treason, which nullifies the will of the people, and sows the seeds of animosity in the body politic in the interest of foreign domination; not the "domination" of man seeking a home or an asylum in this great land, and, in return, ready to die for its preservation.

Let us now turn to our diplomatic and consular representatives in foreign countries, and note how the Irish have "gobled up" all the good places.

of the 400 United States Consulates Only
Three are held by Irishmen.

In the diplomatic service the United States is represented in 43 countries by 43 Ministers, residents, Envoys Extraordinary, etc., and one of these is foreign born, viz., W. Godfrey Hunter, Guatemala, who was born in Ireland, and appointed from Kentucky. Were it not for this single "Irish exception," the diplomatic representatives at foreign courts would be wholly acceptable to "Mugwumpers"—certainly the Irish have not run off with the force.

In regard to the consular force, we count only Consulates General, Consuls and commercial agencies, the many consular agencies being filled by local citizens for the very good reason that they do not pay enough to induce our Mugwump patriots to take them, so they "go a begging" to local business men, who accept the places for the honor of being an agent of the United States, without surrendering their local standing.

American Consulates and Nationalities of the Consuls.

Of an aggregate number of Consulates, of say 400, only 28, or 7 per cent. of the whole, are filled by foreign-born citizens, viz.:

Filled by Germans—	Salary.
Bombay, Germany.....	\$1,500
Barmen, Germany.....	3,000
Berlin, Germany.....	7,000
Breslau, Germany.....	2,000
Eisenstock, Germany.....	2,000
Furth, Germany.....	2,400
Nurnberg, Germany.....	3,500
Zittau, Germany.....	1,500
Catania, Italy.....	1,500
Managua, Nicaragua.....	2,000
Zurich Switzerland.....	2,500
Total salary.....	\$28,500
Total Germans, 11.	

Filled by English—

Chin Kiang, China.....	\$3,000
Liverpool England.....	8,000
Sheffield, England.....	2,500
Swansea, Wales.....	2,500
Victoria, B.C.....	2,500
Genoa, Italy.....	1,500
Total salary.....	\$20,000
Total English, 6.	

Filled by Scotch—

Hamburg, Germany.....	\$6,000
Collingwood, Canada.....	1,000
Dumfries, Scotland.....	2,000
Total salary.....	\$9,000
Total Scotch, 3.	

Filled by Canadians—

Three Rivers, Quebec.....	\$1,500
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Filled by Irish—

Cork, Ireland.....	\$2,000
Hull, England.....	1,500
Mauritius.....	2,000
Total salary.....	\$5,500
Total Irish, 3.	

Filled by a Turk—

Rome.....	\$3,000
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Filled by a Dane—

Martinique.....	\$1,500
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Total, 28 Consulates.....\$70,500

The above shows that the English consuls sent by the United States to foreign ports are double the number of the Irish, and that they receive nearly four times as much salary. The Scotch and the Irish are equal in number, but the salary of the Scotch is nearly double that of the Irish. This goes to show that

THE THREE IRISH CONSULS

had to take what was left or go without. We know some of these gentlemen, know they did good political work during the last Presidential campaign, and are men qualified by nature and education to fill almost any places in the gift of the administration. Under McKinley the Irish have been worse treated than by any administration since the days of Fillmore, the "native American" President. We congratulate the Germans on doing so well, although what they have received was but a trifle of that to which they were entitled.

As said before, we are no carping critics, nor disappointed office-seekers. We have taken all this labor to show to all whom it may concern that the Irish, while in politics, as all good citizens should be, have not run away with "all the offices," and, further—and we say it in all sincerity—that they have run away with fewer and smaller offices during the present Administration since that of Millard Fillmore, the "Native American" President.

We trust the foregoing will satisfy all true Americans—native and foreign born—that the British Mugwump clamor about the Irish in politics, as far as getting office is concerned, has, we are sorry to say, very little to stand upon; in fact, it would take a ballet girl with her most scientific and acute pivot toe balancing to stand upon it.

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THE "COLOR LINE" QUESTION

Mr. Robert W. Clark, a young gentleman of color, who aspires to distinction through the brush or the chisel, but is not quite certain whether he will follow Rubens or Michael Angelo, has lately attempted the task of proving before the court at Baltimore that black is white in the eyes of Maryland law. For this purpose he applied to the Court for a mandamus to compel the Maryland Institute to accept him as a pupil in the school of Art and Design. It will not surprise the public, though it greatly disappointed the ambitious Mr. Clark, that the learned judge who heard the petition, found against it on every point, and consequently dismissed it, declaring that the petitioner could not ask for such a mandamus under the constitution of the United States, under the ordination of the Mayor and city council or under the contract of the city with the Maryland Institute. The petitioner's counsel (as is duty bound where the fees are sure) gave notice of appeal, and the full Bench of Maryland will have an opportunity of pronouncing upon the decision. Apart from the "color line" question it involves, there are some nice legal points to be disposed of, and it is more than probable it may prove to be one of the most knotty cases ever submitted to the southern courts. Judge Ritchie, who tried the case, when rendering his decision, said, among other things, that, in his opinion—

"From their establishment up to the year 1891, these schools had been exclusively for white pupils, male and female. In that year one colored pupil was appointed and admitted, and he completed the course. In 1892 another colored pupil was appointed and admitted, but he left the institute soon after. In 1893 the date of the present contract, two more were appointed and admitted, and are now pursuing their studies. The answer, however, avers and the demurrer admits that the overwhelming public sentiment, both white and colored, at the time these pupils were admitted, was against mixed schools; that their admission was but tentative, with the hope that none others would be appointed, and in no wise as an acknowledgment of any contractual obligation; that the presence of these colored pupils was disastrous to the interests of the institute, largely reduced the number of its pupils, and threatened to destroy the usefulness of these schools.

"The position of the petitioner thus comes down to this: He claims to be a beneficiary under this contract, and, as such, alleges that there has been a breach of it as against his rights, and asks the court to enforce its performance by a writ of mandamus. The respondent denies the alleged breach, and avers that, in the light of the conditions existing at the time of the execution of the contract, the word 'pupils' means white pupils.

"It is, however, altogether unnecessary in this proceeding, if not beyond the province of the court to construe the contract, because, whatever its true construction may be, the petition must be dismissed. If it be construed to mean white pupils only, the respondent being a private corporation and no part of the public school system, had a right to make a discriminating contract, and the petitioner would have no rights thereunder. If it be construed as embracing both white and colored pupils, then the action of the respondent resolves itself simply into a refusal to perform its contract, and a mandamus does not lie.

"It having been shown that the purpose of the suit is to enforce the performance of a private contract, the writ of mandamus cannot be issued. The remedy by mandamus relates only to the enforcement of duties incumbent by law on the respondent; it will not lie for the enforcement of contract rights of a private or personal nature.

"Such being the law the city itself, even if there were a breach by the respondent, could not enforce the performance of this contract by mandamus, and so neither can the petitioner, even though he might be entitled to admission under the contract.

"In accordance with the views expressed, I must overrule the demurrer, and, as the sufficiency of the petition also is brought under review by the mounting of the demurrer, and it shows no sufficient ground for granting the writ, I will also sign an order that it be dismissed."

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Having seen the said petition, it is ordered that the relatives and the creditors of the late Walter Wood Dunn, in his lifetime of the City of Montreal, manufacturer, shall appear before the Prothonotary of the Superior Court, for the Province of Quebec, in the district of Montreal, at the Public Office at the Court House, in the City of Montreal, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of December, instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to give their advice touching the appointment of a trustee to the vacant succession of the said Walter Wood Dunn, and the present order shall be published twice in English in the "True Witness" and twice in French in the "La Minerve," both newspapers published in the City of Montreal.

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