

that journal really says; but we have neither time nor disposition to go to London to search its columns for the last fifty years or so to find out all about it.

We know, however, that the Roman correspondents of the Daily News have often curious flights of fancy, and that they are accustomed to invent strange tales with regard to the doings of the Church in Rome. So frequently is this the case that absolutely they deserve no credit whatsoever when dealing with this subject.

While treating of this subject, it is but fair we should give due credit to Mr. J. D. Edgar, M. P. for West Ontario, for his fearless and honest exposure of the hurtful tactics of the P. P. A. in a letter which appeared in the Mail and Globe on the 8th inst.

Mr. Edgar remarks: "Surly such a declaration of war could only be approved by those who felt that the political rights of Protestant citizens were being trampled upon by Roman Catholics wherever these have a majority."

Mr. Edgar concludes that the P. P. A. members are the dupes and tools of a foreign political conspiracy which desires to drive Quebec out of the Canadian Confederacy through sheer disgust at Ontario bigotry.

The P. P. A. are therefore the tools of traitors, if they are no worse. As a matter of fact it is well known that the association was imported from the neighboring Republic: though it is stated by United States journals that it was instituted there chiefly by Canadian Orangemen.

This is another "excellent reason" for the P. P. A. which Mr. John Smith forgot to mention in his enumeration under this heading.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our readers will regret to hear of the demise of Lady Gertrude (Stock) Douglas, sister of Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas. She died happily at St. Joseph's Convent, Hendon, England, on the 25th November.

ONE Protestant clergyman, Rev. R. Hobbs, of Brantford, has had the courage to announce that he is a member of the P. P. A. There is one thing that may be said in his favor, that he has the courage to come out of the rat hole and show himself in the broad light of day.

The voters of East Lambton num-

Father Doyle, of New York, lately had a discussion with another clerical misfit like Mr. Hobbs. His name is Rev. Dr. McArthur. The subject discussed was the A. P. A. of the United States. The words of the Catholic clergyman are so peculiarly applicable to the conduct of the Brantford preacher that we cannot help reproducing them:

"Will the future of America, the latest and best evidence of Christianity, be a blessing or a curse? Two things must be feared for its moral welfare, the infidel and the religious bigot—a firebrand like him who, on a day when we are supposed to thank God for the blessings we have received, will go out of his way to stir up hatred and animosity among Americans."

Up to within eight or ten years ago the Catholics of Ontario were very fairly divided in their allegiance to the two political parties, but the unreasonable attacks made upon their Church by Mr. Meredith and his followers quite naturally created a different state of things, and the great majority of the Catholic voters gave their allegiance to Sir Oliver Mowat.

But, without any special cause, is it not a fact that the Presbyterians of the Province form a solid column in the Liberal ranks, and the adherents of the Church of England an equally solid body in the Conservative party.

BE IT remembered that Catholics are under no special obligations to the Ontario Government. What bigots look upon as privileges are in reality only rights, and, no matter what party rules, these rights will have to be conceded so long as the Confederation flag floats over us.

IN proof of this our fellow-citizens have but to look about them and examine what sort of Protestants are those engaged in the P. P. A. crusade. Are they honest, upright Protestants—Church adherents and contributors to all the work carried on by the Protestant denominations? Not by any means.

WE are pleased to observe that the most influential papers of Ontario, the Toronto Globe taking the lead, are handling the P. P. A. anarchists without gloves. The Toronto Mail, however, which in politics or anything else is neither fish, flesh nor fowl, nor even good red herring, save in the matter of Pope and Popery, and in that the hard-working, painstaking Carkle-like editor pursues his daily task with a gentle regularity betokening a long period of suffering for his readers, may be said to be the apologist of the unsightly thing.

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She tried to thank them, but there are times when it is not easy to speak. When the officers saw how deeply thankful she was there was not a man among them but was thankful that he had been fortunate enough to be on hand when the collection was taken up. One sergeant, who is known for his goodly proportions, respectfully opened the door as she was about to pass out.

A PRIEST'S ALLEGED OATH.

We have of late, says the Milwaukee Sentinel, received several letters, some of them anonymous, enclosing what purported to be the oath taken by Roman Catholic priests, with a request to publish it in the Sentinel.

This oath, we suspect, is from the same mint which produced the pretended encyclical letter of the present Pope releasing American Catholics from their allegiance to the Government of the United States and forshadowing a movement to establish the domination of the Church in this country.

This document itself contains internal evidence that it is spurious as a copy of an oath taken by a Catholic priest in the United States. Any organization that circulates such documents as this one and the aforesaid encyclical letter is lacking either in discernment or in honesty.

"Know-Popery"—it is Worth Studying.

In the midst of this world, that is ever dying and ever nascent, and in the very center of most rapid and ceaseless change, the Catholic Church remains a permanent and abiding fact. She has suffered assault from all folds; from all opposing powers; from kings and warriors; from statesmen and philosophers; from poets and scholars; from parliaments and peoples; from the ignorance and corruption of her own children; from the worldliness and low-mindedness of her ministers; from the violence of barbarism and the effeminate vices of civilization.

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BISHOP KEANE ON INTEMPERANCE.

The Liquor Traffic a Menace to the Welfare of Virtue and Morality.

Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, Washington, preached a powerful sermon on the evil effects of intemperance in Philadelphia on a recent Sunday evening. After expressing his delight at the large audience and referring to the feast of the day, Bishop Keane said: "The reason that there is so little peace on earth is because there is so much sin. A Christian is not worthy of the name if he does not strive to fight against sin, and that is the object of the Temperance Society. Intemperance is one of those evils that takes a terrible hold on the appetite and is an evil by which temptations are multiplied."

"We have seen thousands of lives that were at one time shining lights ruined. We have seen fathers and mothers whose pride were their children grow gray and their days shortened by this evil. If we visit the jails, the workhouses and the insane asylums, we will find that the greater portion of inmates have come there through the effects of this cursed evil."

Bishop Keane advised his hearers to keep out of the rum business. "Every Christian," he said, "no matter how poor and lowly he may be, can offer his works and actions of the day to God. But how can the saloon keeper say in the morning, 'I offer up to God all the glasses of beer and whiskey which I will sell during the day?' How can he kneel down in the evening and offer up that which he has taken from the poor and wretched? How can he rest at night when that wife is cursing the man who sold her husband drink? Every one ought to try to get out of the rum business and strive to seek a more honest and respectable way of making a living."

Work of Apapists Probably.

Several fires, similar in character, discovered in Chicago Catholic churches have led to the suspicion that they were of incendiary origin. A blaze was discovered in the confessional of the handsome St. Elizabeth church, Tuesday night, and about ten days ago the same thing happened in the Holy Cross church.

From the Great Protestant Weekly.

Catholicism stands like a rock, one of the most wonderful of human institutions in its continuity, its adaptability to human nature, its power over the minds of men. Those outside its influence can estimate the peace and joy which its communion brings only by seeing its effect on those within. Possibly Protestantism of the highest sort has a hard fight before it. There must be something wrong when so many of the noblest minds have, within the last fifty years, left its ranks and put their reason under the yoke of Catholicism. If Protestantism is permanently to withstand the attracting influence of its great rival, it must perhaps become more definitely based upon principle, not upon the maintenance of the prestige of any one or other of its Churches, or adherence to any particular creed; it must prove itself a religion of the heart and daily life, not alone of the schoolroom and the Sabbath.—Independent.

Catholicity and Citizenship.

George Parsons Lathrop, son-in-law of Hawthorne and a recent convert to the Catholic Church, says: "Am I, whose ardent and steady patriotism no one doubted before; whose family, of Puritan origin, has produced a line of evangelical ministers and has been solidly American for two hundred and fifty-eight years—am I at once transformed into a disloyal citizen when I became a Catholic? An eminent man said to me: 'You have turned your back on your own countrymen.' I replied: 'No, sir. I am now the best kind of an American there is.' And with entire modesty—for the merit is not mine—I believe this to be true. For what can make a man so good a citizen as the religion which teaches him the oneness of truth, fidelity to his country, to marriage, to conscience, and applies itself directly every day to strengthening those forces which conserve or purify society and exalt the soul?"

Has No Use for the A. P. A.

Rev. Ernest Mariett is rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church at Little Falls, N. Y., and is a gentleman of large influence and high standing in that community. In a sermon delivered a few days ago he repudiates the A. P. A. in the following outspoken manner: "I am constantly receiving the publications through the mails of a society of rabid Protestants, whose headquarters are in Boston, where the intolerance of the Puritan has been replaced by the bigotry of the Prohibitionist and anti-Catholic. These publications are filled with mis-statements and unjust criticisms of the Roman Church."

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