

that ever were attempted, the most futile we can imagine would be an effort on the part of the parliament of Canada to dictate to the people of Manitoba how they should conduct their schools. So confident are the people of Manitoba that they are going to manage their own school system as they see fit, that the question that is agitating the rest of the Dominion gives them very little concern at all.—TORONTO WORLD.

THE C. T. A. U. MEETS AT NEW YORK AND DOES NOTHING.

Another annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union has come and gone and save for a few motions and fewer masses the temperance question—from a papist standpoint at least—is where it was before the convention.

It is true that the convention patted Theodore Roosevelt upon the back for his work in New York but then Roosevelt is half a papist and has already spread himself at considerable length in the public press to uphold the papacy and denounce the A. P. A. so that the patting comes but naturally after all.

A telegram from the Buffalo League of Public Good (whatever that may be) to the convention is unique and runs thus:

"The Buffalo League of Public Good prays God's blessing on your deliberations, and urges that you encourage voters to protect the Lord's day from partisan politicians.

The communication, despite the apparent obscurity of its meaning, was well received.

Priest Zurcher, chairman of the Buffalo delegation made the banner hit of the convention however, when he denounced the Roman catholic newspapers of the country, a bundle of which he carried under his arm for reference. He said that the union got little or no support from the sectarian newspapers, and he was particularly severe on them because they printed the advertisements of the brewers and whiskey sellers. He interspersed his speech with extracts, which he read from those newspapers. He read whiskey advertisements and temperance editorials from the same pages, and declared that it was a shame that such publications should be called Roman catholic.

"Here" he said pointing to the page, "is a two column advertisement of somebody's whiskey, and here, right opposite to it is a picture of Archbishop Corrigan, and next to that is a picture of Archbishop Ireland."

"In this paper" he continued "we have whiskey advertisements all the way down the page, except a small space at the bottom, which contains the only good thing in the sheet—an advertisement of a gold cure!"

As nine-tenths of the papal newspapers in the United States are the property of papal bishops or published under their patronage, Priest Zurcher's comments appear in the light of an attack upon the leading lights of the papacy in this country, which by the way is forbidden in a recent encyclical of the pope.

Priest Foley of Baltimore reported that as far as that city was concerned the Total Abstinence Union was dead.

Think of it! In the home of that most eminent of American papists James Gibbons cardinal, the Total Abstinence Union is "dead!" Are the priests who are advocating total abstinence sincere when they assert that the pope and his lieutenants are heartily in sympathy

with the movement? Is the pope, when he sends his blessing, and is James Gibbons, when he gives the movement his patronage and permits the organization to die in the city where he reigns supreme, sincere?

Now comes the protest against the monks at Latrebe, Pa., who make \$30,000 per year out of the manufacture of beer. Some well disposed priest with more honesty and consistency than his fellows raise their voices in convention declaiming against the practice. What follows? The protest goes to a committee and is never heard of again.

Who believes in the honesty or earnestness of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union when they suffer such tricks of crafty relatives to go unresented. Of what use to impress upon the papist laborer that he ruins body and soul by the consumption of alcoholic liquors; of what use to denounce the papist saloon keeper for selling, so long as priests and monks manufacture with the consent of the papacy and the proprietor—bishops of papist sheets accept high rates for saloon advertising.

Who believes that the pope or his satraps desires to suppress the liquor traffic so long as no ex cathedra utterance upon the subject comes from the Vatican.

Is the drunkenness and the liquor habit less harmful to papists than membership in secret secular orders. The pope published a decree, threatenig in effect eternal damnation to all who dared to retain or obtain membership in the Knights of Pythias, the Freemasons, Oddfellows and Good Templars. If he honestly desired to suppress the liquor traffic would he not have laid an anathema upon it. Let consistency answer.

The convention at New York was a farce played to delude the American public and to exalt and vertise the papacy. While the most prominent papists in the United States derive their income from the manufacture and sale of whiskey, while priests receive the largest donations and most substantial support from saloon keepers, none but the crazy or the imbecial believe that either priest, prelate or papacy as a class desire any change in the existing system. So long as Pat gets drunk regularly so long he will be poor, so long as poor he will be ignorant and superstitious and fair game for the priest. Sober him up educate him and set him to thinking and the money that now goes to fill the wine cellar and larder of the priest will be upon the backs and into the stomachs of his little ones.

We repeat the convention at New York was the most dismal and unholiest of farces.—PATRIOTIC AMERICAN.

UNIFICATION OF ITALY.

Buildings throughout the city are literally covered with decorations and the streets are crowded with people eager to witness the ceremonies of this, the principal day of the series of celebrations commemorative of the entry of the Italian troops into Rome. It is noticeable, however, that only the embassies of the United States and England display flags. All of the other embassies and legations abstain from any participation in the fetes, whatever. The Pope went to St. Peters where he spent an hour in prayer.

The chief event of the day was the unveiling of a monument to the memory of Garibaldi on Janiculum Hill in the presence of 50,000 wildly enthusiastic persons, King Humbert and the royal family all