

or persuade a man into it. If love will not compel him to come leave him to God, the judge of all.

Wesley was a most determined enemy to Roman catholicism. As a protestant he emphasized the right and duty of private judgment, a right denied the individual by the church of Rome. Persecution and the right of private judgment are mutually exclusive. No consistent protestant will enforce his views by fire and faggot. Wesley, in this excellent paragraph was merely expressing the Protestant view of religious liberty.—**FREEDOM'S BANNER.**

Some of our ministers get very wrothy when speaking about the A. P. A. and its principles. They have never taken the trouble to investigate or make themselves acquainted with our platform and principles. They in doing so exhibit their ignorance and want of judgment in berating something, of which they know nothing whatever.

These same men will endorse, approve and extol Rome and Romish methods on the same principle of ignorance, and want of knowledge for they never perused any original work of Roman theology in their life. To hear such men, in their arrogant tones talk to their congregations about the bigoted and persecuting A. P. A. is enough to make men wish that the Lord would hasten the day, when those that represent themselves as His ministers, would cultivate knowledge and tact to the exclusion of that proud, selfish and lazy spirit, which, alas is governing too many pulpits in our churches.

The A. P. A. is patriotic and preeminently Christian, taking the golden rule as its maxim.

We are represented some times to the unwary by selfish ignorant notoriety seekers, who disgrace the pulpits of our churches as firebrands, as disturbers, as cruelly persecuting the Roman Catholics of the land. We are nothing of the kind, we are Christians, we are believers in God, and as such of course we are patriots. We feel that we have other duties to perform, besides eating and drinking and making money we feel that our energies of mind and body are required to maintain the freedom and all the felicitous conditions of our land. Rome is the great enemy that is seeking to reduce America, to a mere province under the rule of her infallible, spiritual and moral sceptre.

We are seeking to fence in our privileges as American citizens with such safeguards, by amending certain sections of our constitution so as to make it impossible for Rome to be tolerated by the law to interfere with the privileges and rights of citizenship of any, let him be Roman Catholic, Jew, or Gentile, or Protestant. For this our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens and brothers will thank us some day, some of them are with us now, they understand, we are leading them to shake off the foreign yoke of an Italian Pope, which is galling them not a little, by the continual chafing intermeddling and dictating in affairs that concern them as citizens and as American citizens only.

If the slaves of Rome in America could breath with the assurance of having the ever watching priest with his craft banished from their presence, they would gladly hail the A. P. A. that has undertaken to relegate foreign temporal and spiritual in-

truders and meddlers to where they belong, and stop them once and forever from disgracing the shores of America, the land of liberty. Let us all be up and doing, doing all in the name of God the author of our liberties, and the day for which we sigh, this great day of a united brotherhood of Catholic and non-Catholic citizens, will be an assured fact at no distant day. May God speed the right.—**PRIMITIVE CATHOLIC.**

FIRST EXAMINE THE NUT.

A neat story is told of a Roman Catholic priest in Victoria, whose sermons are usually of a practical kind. On entering the pulpit one Sunday he took with him a walnut to illustrate the character of the various Christian churches. He told the people the shell was tasteless and valueless—that was the Wesleyan church; the skin was nauseous, disagreeable and worthless—that was the Presbyterian church; he then said he would show them the holy Roman Apostolic Church. He cracked the nut for the kernel and found it rotten! Then his reverence coughed violently and pronounced the benediction.—**EPWORTH HERALD.**

SET YOUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER FIRST.

The Province of Quebec is really at the bottom of the agitation to coerce the Province of Manitoba into the recognition of Separate Schools in that province, and we believe we make no unfair inference when we say that the kind of schools the people of Quebec would enforce upon Manitoba are schools similar to those which they now have in the Province of Quebec. A sample of the schools that they have in Quebec is to be found in the City of Ottawa, across the river, in Ontario it is true, but schools on the Quebec system and conducted after Quebec methods. It is also brought to light in the dispatches on this question that the schools in the Province of Quebec on a whole are of very inferior character—the teachers without certificates, and many of those who have more or less to say in their administration people of very inferior education. If all these statements are facts, and we believe they are, the people of the Province of Quebec, and we say it with all respect, would be much better occupied in improving their own schools and securing better teachers and better methods and better text books than in trying to foist inferior schools upon the people of Manitoba. Manitoba is in every way competent to settle her own affairs, and taking our stand on the principle of provincial rights in this matter, we say that the Dominion Government and the Dominion Parliament ought to avoid being a party to this attempt to force inferior schools on any portion of the people of Canada. The people of Manitoba have got hold of progressive ideas in regard to education, and ought to be allowed to work them out as they please. They certainly ought not to be dictated to by people who are satisfied with a reactionary system of public education.

Let Quebec devote her entire energy to improving her own schools, and she will enjoy the recognition and assistance if necessary of all her sister provinces. Of all the futile things