PROTESTANT CONTROVERSY.

The author of "Romanism and the Republic," whose book consists of a number of sermons first delivered to his own congregation, takes as the text of his first discourse God's declaration to the prophet Ezekiel, that if the of the land appoint a watchman gainst the enemy, and calamity should result from his negligence, God will require of the watchman a strict account of all the disasters that may have

resulted from his untaithfulness.

This is the keynote of the whole popular controversy against Roman Cath olicism. The controversy would amount to little were it not for the constant assumption that spiritual alle giance to Rome is inconsistent with civil allegiance to the Government.

If this is the case, then the controversy with Rome is not predominantly lesiastical, but a civil concern. This being so, it would not appertain to a church, or to the churches collectively, to appoint men who should warn the nation against Catholic disloyalty, and who should show the people how Roman Catholics must of necessity be unfaithful citizens. Such appoint-ments would belong to the nation, in its civil capacity. The author clearly signifies it in the title of his work: "Romanism and the Republic." He signifies it with equal clearness in this initial text. It is "the people of the that are to appoint the watch-

Now let me ask the Reverend Isaac J. Lansing: When, sir, has the American nation appointed you a guardian of her interests against Rome? At no time. Then why should Rome? At no time. Then why should you not be proceeded against before the courts, or if not there before the bar of public opinion, as a presumptuous usurper of a momentous civil charge which has never been committed to you? If the nation has not charged you with the grave and critical responsibility, has the Commonwealth? No more than the nation. Nay, if you have effrontery enough to declare that the Church has a right to care for the nation's civil affairs, when the nation will not care for its own, have you been commissioned by the General Council of your own denomination? You have not. Or by the General Association of Massachusetts? You have not. Or even by the local conference of Worcester County. No. Nay, were you even commissioned by your own congregation? There is no appearance of it. These sermons are given by you as something entirely out of your own head. Yet by your chosen text you declare that the tion which you have assumed to discharge is a civil function, of capital importance, which it appertains to the nation to commit to chosen and trustworthy men. Assuredly, if this office is what you make it out to be, it is of the most delicate responsibility. indiscreet exercise of it in the name of the nation (for it is in the name of the nation that you speak) might easily land us in irretrievable confusion, possibly even in civil war.

Compared with such a function the duties of the Presidency are al, almost mechanical. Why external, almost mechanical. should you not then be denounced as a much more dangerous and presumptuous usurper than a man who should seat himself in the White House with out warrant of law. On your showing I can not see why.

Note: opposition to Rome by a clergymen, however virulent, is no violation of his place as a citizen so oical. He may call the Pope "the beast," or "the man of sin," and the Papacy "the great apostacy," "Satan's masterpiece," and he is guilty of no civil presumption. Catholics freely denounce Protestantism as "Anti-christ," and Luther as "a monster," and Protestant missions among the heathen as a "gigantic swindle," and no reasonable man will say that either party must first ask the leave of the State. I am free to suggest that Masonry is a work of the devil, and to declare that Spiritism is foreshown by the apocalyptic locusts rising out of the pit, though I have not been nationally commissioned to do either, for my declarations would not imply, even remotely, a proposal to deprive Free

We must, therefore, divide Protestant clergymen committed to the contest with Rome into two classes. The first, and I suspect much the smaller, is made up of those who, however severe in their animadversions, imply ever unamiable, are plainly within their civil right. In our country, at least, the government would not had itself free to restrain these controversies, unless in circumstances in which they would occasion an immediate out-break of violence. "Language calculated to provoke a breach peace," must, of course, in all imperdiscussions, be very rigorously construed.

masons or Spiritists of their civil fran-

The other class, of which "Romanism and the Republic " is a typical exemplification, directs all its efforts to the disfranchisement of the Roman Catholics, either completely, or at least to the extent of their exclusion from office, or from all the higher offices, whether by legislation or by a fixed understanding, like that by which, thus far, every President has been kept out of a third term. This policy is that which, from beginning to end, is represented by "Romanism and the Republic." It does not deal much in specific proposals of disfranchisement, but aims at laying a foundation of

ously built up. The author declared complete Catholic disfranchisement desirable. He says that if the courts acted on their own principles, they vould, and should, disfranchise every Roman Catholic in America. He de clares, again and again, that he is not arguing against Catholicism theologic realized, and entrusts to the higher ally, but politically, yet his book has extended theological discussions. It ollows that he views all who hold these doctrines, most of which are purely re ligious, unfit for citizenship. This gives us the measure of the

man, and of the book, and of the whole Their animosity against the Roman Catholics is at bottom bitterly theological. They are fully bent on expressing their hatred by persecu-Yet as our Federal Government and most of our States, have definitely refused to impose penalties or civil disabilities on any speculative opinions whatsoever, they are forced, in spite of themselves, on to political ground. Yet it is a very thin disguise. The veneration of the Virgin and of the Saints and the doctrine of Transubstantiation, can not by any ingenuity be tortured into a political application, or made out to be inconsistent with the temper of honest citizenship. Mr. Lansing, however, makes quick work here. These opinions are heathenish. We ought not to suffer heathenish religion or heathenish morality in our republic-Therefore the Roman Catholics ought not to be suffered to vote, nor to teach their religion to their children." I can make nothing else out of his reaoning. I do not think that he means anything else to be made out of it. Indeed one of his head ings is: "Shall Romanism teach a Pagan morality to American youth?" Now no one dreams of eaching Roman Catholic doctrines to

Protestant pupils in our Public schools. What meaning then can this possibly have but this: "Shall Roman Catholics be allowed to bring up their own children in their own religion?' there is another meaning, let Mr. Lansing write and tell me what it is, and I will publish it. Until he does, the obvious interpretation I have given must prevail. However, I hardly feel free to charge this class of men with hypocrisy in saying one thing and meaning another. The veil which they throw over their purpose of re-The veil which ligious persecution is far too thin to hide their intent. As they mean, as soon as they can, to violate American principles out-and-out, a decent declaration of veneration for them is graceful, and takes no one in. It is simply like "Not at home" to an unvelcome visitor. Before going into these American

proposals, let us consider a religion which actually is what these people would have us believe Roman Catholicism to be. I mean Mohammedan ism. There is no dispute here. In this religion Church and State are atsolutely one. The Caliph, that is at present the Sultan, is acknowledged, in theory, as having unlimited power direction. No true believe in every is permitted to question a command of his, temporal or spiritual. Should he command the Sunnite Moslems of India (for the Shiltes do not acknowl edge him) to revolt against the Empress, I do not say they would obey in I hardly think they would. Yet they would certainly be brought into a great stress of conscience. Nay, even now, without a command, they are very uneasy in obeying an "infidel Empress, in a country once under Moslem control, and, therefore, by their religion, never capable of being lawfully governed by a Christian monarch. It is true, they have had reas-suring explanations from Mecca. Yet, after all, these are only palliatives. Many - perhaps not all-often ask Ought I not revolt against the unbelievers at all hazards The terrible mutiny of 1857, though only partially Mohammedan, broke out around a Moslem emperor. It can not be said there will never be another.

"The soil Deceitful lies over subjacent fires."

Now how do the English deal with this state of things? With the gener ous boldness of a great and free people They reflect that men are not respon sible for their hereditary religion. They are responsible to the law only for their acts. So long as they obey the legitimate enactments of the Gov ernment this is bound to accept their obedience. It has no right to turn itself into an Inquisition and to intrude into the forum of conscience. Time was when England did this, but she does it no longer. If a frank obedience is rendered she owns that she has no business to ask on what grounds. Rome cordially enough: The Roman Catholicism of to-day does not even a shadow on allegiance." Obedience may be rendered from a grateful sense of beneficent rule. This is, doubtless, the motive of the higher classes of Indian Mohammedans. They see, too, that England sincerely grants to their religion the same freedom as to her own, and that though she sees Mohammedanism spreading under this policy, she does not hypocritically try to take back with one hand what she gives with the other. The common Moslems obey because they now have peace and justice, and do not know

what would come of a breaking up. It is true, nevertheless, that there are deep lying assumptions of Islam which have before now broken out in terrible devastation, and which may possibly break out again. We may take certain precautions against the effects of an earthquake, but whether opinion on which they can be advantag- the earthquake shall come, is a matter service. That might be so.

that must be left to a mightier Hand. Indeed we cannot tell in any land what orces may be lying under a quiet sur-We cannot tell what explosive forces may be lying in our own breasts. England wisely and courageously disability and integrity of the Mohammedans above the Hindus a large share of work of Indian administration. The result abundantly justifies her, and this generous confidence renders it continually more difficult for the Mos lems even to wish to actuate the dangerous possibilities of their religion. Indeed there are old Indians who think a far more unreserved confidence ye deserved by the Moslems, and certain

to be of great benefit to India. Now suppose that India had been given over to an English Committee of One Hundred. This would fairly have choked in the abundance of matter offered to its passion for malicious mis Frank confidence would have been in its eyes a mere craving for suicide. Mohammedan talent, integrity, public spirit, would have been mere sugar-coated treason. Every commission which sheer necessity had compelled it to give to a Moslem would have been given with so wry a face as to deepen contemptuous hatred where it existed and to create it where it did not. Had they had there the counterparts of our Boston celebrities, half the English would have been massacred and the other half driven into the sea. Happily, a strong hand has been held people in India, and so England still has her Empire. Charles C. Starbuck.

Andover, Mass.

A GREAT EXAMPLE.

There was much in the life of the late Sir Stuart Knill that would have made him an example to Catholics in any country and an ornament of the Church in any age. A shrewd man of business, he found time, while amassing a vast fortune, for his visit to the Blessed Sacrament, his regular frequent Communion, his extra week day Mass, and the little sanctities of daily life. A man of great responsi bilities, he preserved a cheerful, placid demeanor under interruptions and scrupulously irritations, ever charging the duties of father and friend, -hospitable, kindly and gener ous ; promptly responsive to every call A man of the world, he of charity. took a knightly pride in professing before men his loyalty to the old Mother Church ; and when his blush ing honors crowded fullest upon himwhen he had risen to the highest mun icipal office in the British Empire,-he went to visit the Catholic college in which he was educated, and asked as a favor to be permitted to serve the students' Mass, as he had done in his boy

hood days. His life, we repeat, would have been an honor to the Church in any age and in any country; but there are reasons why his example is especially valuable in this country and at this time. When Stuart Knill was chosen Lord Mayor of London, there would have been few to reproach him had he strained a point prove to Englishmen that a Catho-'might be trusted "with the dear est interests of the people; that Catholics are not prigs nor hide-bound big ots; and that the rules of social, offic ial and even religious intercourse. which Protestants call tyrannous, are susceptible of wide and easy interpre-Strictly speaking, he was the first Catholic Lord Mayor since the Reformation. There are many reasons and numerous circumstances which would justify him, as of "the largest and most Protestant city in the world," in straining a point to avoid wounding the susceptibilities of good people, who, not understand-ing the fine points of theology, re-quested him to attend heretical services merely in his official capacity.
Stuart Knill had served only a few

months in office when it was suggested that, following the example of other Lord Mayors, he ought to attend the official services in St. Paul's (Protestant) Cathedral. "If he had been a accustomed to insincerities or ready to pay lip service for pottage," says the Tablet, "there was a precedent," ready to suggest that he might easily compromise with his conscience. He might have explained that his attendance in a Protestant place of wor ship was purely formal; that, while his body was present, his heart was absent. But that sort of poor double-ness was absolutely alien to the simple absent. traightforwardness that had marked all his life. He looked the temptation straight in the eyes, and then, to his eternal honor, announced with all ourteousness, but unmistakable firmless, that he would not deviate from Catholic usuage, or stoop to subterfuge to pick up the highest honor which

ondon can bestow. Before his election, there had been a mighty howl against the candidacy of Catholic for the ancient and honor able position of Lord Mayor. He had been severely catechised by the bigots as to the course he should follow in matters of religion in case he were elected. He had not flinched then, but inswered that, whether as mayor or as merchant, he would ever remain an ancompromising Catholic. It was not for him, who had stood with such superb constancy during the trying times of a campaign, to waver now that he actually wore the robes of office, and the public letter in which he announced his decision has the ring of the old Catholic metal that makes Sir Thomas More an everlasting example His words are precious. "It may per-haps be argued," he wrote, "that I might be present materially and passively, without taking any part in the

without reverting to what I have said already as to the insincerity of such a presence, how would such fine distinctions between a material and a religbe received and under stood by the English people? It is also necessary to consider the case of multitudes in workhouses and other in stitutions, of governesses and servants, and others who feel in conscience bound to suffer, and even to give up their situations, rather than attend re ligious services in which they cannot conscientiously take part. No! It would never do for a Lord Mayor of

London to avail himself of a subtle dis-

tinction such as this, which would be

widely misunderstood, while it would

be without the poor excuse of having

been adopted under dire necessity.

The effect of his manly adhesion to principle upon the public mind can hardly be imagined at this distance of time and space. Grumbling there was among many, and hard words from the narrow minded : but it is safe to say that the best people of Protestant London were proud of their fearless and conscientious Lord Mayor. And when Suert Knill went a step farther, and at a public banquet proposed as the first toast "The Pope and the Queen"— giving to the Holy Father the precedence which of right was his, -the none to question his loyalty, though there were many (the bigots again) to question his taste. His manhood had partially won even them ; for when his term as Mayor had expired, this stout Catholic was chosen alderman of an important ward in London; and public respect for him was further demonstrated when, at the same election, his son was chosen alderman of another ward. Certainly the Queen herself took no umbrage at his public preference for the Pope : she signalized is retirement from the mayoralty by

A knightly soul he was, and wholesome example for us who live in an atmosphere of heresy and com-Let American Catholic promise. earn from this great man that a rigid interpretation of duty is no bar to the esteem of all whose good opinion is worth having; that to be a "trimner" in matters of conscience is to lower one's flag and to trade in one' manhood; that good Protestants re spect good Catholics the more because hey have old-fashioned, ultramontane views about frequenting sectarian conventicles; and, finally, that, even in the eyes of worldly men, fidelity to private conscience uarantee of fidelity to public trust. Ave. Maria.

conferring on him the honor of knight

CHANGE OF THE PROTESTANT HEART.

From the Boston Pilot. Our esteemed Protestant contemporry, the Congregationalist, closes its series of papers by Janet Sanderson on Seven Great Hymns of the Mediæval Ages" with the "Stabat Mater Speciosa," a mediæval Christmas hymn by Jacoponus, the author of the much better known "Stabat Mater Dolorosa. He wished by the former to glorify the brief joy of Mary's virgin motherhood at Bethlehem ere the sword of Simeon's prophecy had pierced her heart to pre are it for her dolorous watch on Calvary, when she shared the sufferings by which Her Divine Son redeemed mankind. It says much for the progress of Catholic ideas outside the Church to find this series on the old Catholic hymns in a distinctly Protestant journal, and we can forgive the Congregationalist's expression of its own evident misunderstanding of the Catholic unity of faith when it lets Catholic faith and devotion speak for hemselves in those hymns of the Church. A still greater change of the Protestant heart is manifested by the Watchman (Baptist) displaying a fine print of the Sistine Madonna on the over of its Christmas number. All who truly seek the Christ-Child know that, like the shepherds and the Kings of old, they must find Him with His

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him to his home, was his companion in every scene, grave or gay. He thought by painting it he might get rid of this uncomfortable visitant. The result was "The Inward Voices," the first picture that meets the eyes of the visitor on entering Gallery A. It is the only one in oils in the series, and in which the figures are life-size. It is, in fact, the frontispiece of the work, and gives the clue by which it is to be interpreted. All the details are sympolical as well as the characters. mantle that covers Christ is intended to represent the hierarchy of His Church. Other features are typical of the sin of Adam and Eve, the Passion,

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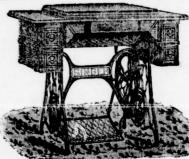
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SINNERS, WASH OFF THE LEPROSY O YOUR SOUL.

Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make man." (Matt. 8, 2.)

What leprosy is to the body, sin is the soul. Leprosy is a loathsome, is curable disease, which covers the who body with suppurating swellings ar ulcers, rendering it like to a decor corpse. So great is the cont gion of this disease that whoever com in contact with it, has every reason fear that he has imbibed the fatal po And is this not similar to the leprosy of the soul? Does not t rob the soul of sanctifying grace, of its supernatural beauty, and does it wound the soul in a horrible manne Does not this spiritual leprosy, by pestilential odor, spread everywh the poison of contagion? Dies it also exclude man from the society God and the angels, and expose him the greatest danger to fall a victin

eternal death, to everlasting pun

Oh, truly lamentable condition of sinner separated from God! W you say of a person who we be so foolish as to sleep on the brin a frightful precipice! Only a sl change of position and he is hu into the fearful abyss! Behold, O ner, you who are separated from contemplate your picture. This is dangerous condition in which soul now is. Do you know with tainty whether you will be alive or morrow? Ah, no man knows the the hour of his summons, and yet, you to be immediately called befor throne of God, what would be you for all eternity? Do you not tre at the mere thought that you wou a reprobate without redemption, out mercy, a cast-away in theu nqu able flames of hell? Madman, you venture for a ton of gold, to the tip of your finger during the of half a minute over a glowing l And, you are willing to risk bu which has been kindled, not b mercy of God, like our earthly

but by His terrible anger? Os take heed to my warning! I ha

monished you in God's name.

are lost, you alone will wail that

nal Mea culpa, through my fau

But what should you do to the anger of God, and to save

soul while there is yet time?

the leper in the gospel of t His example will teach you. S had he heard that the Redeem passing when with filial confid turned to that merciful Heart, s "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou can me clean." Oh! what humilit simplicity, what confidence d this petition contain! Jesus i thereby and hastens to rewa sentiments. He speaks only or out this one word restores the "I will, be the his body: and instantly the leprosy is cleansed. O sinner alone it depends to receive a grace ; for the mercy of your R is as great now as it was hundred years ago. Prostra self before the Blessed Sacram mercy-seat, and confess you the presence of God, your futu who is there really present. who is there really present.
act of perfect contrition for ye gressions, be sincerely so merely for having deserved for having offended your lo deemer, your best of Fath Sovereign God. This concapable, as faith teaches, of espaelling your guilt and of cancelling your guilt and of you the peace of reconcilia before you have confessed Such an act of perfect cont purify your soul immediatel leprosy, and make you the not, however, forget what requires of the cleansed says to him: "Go and she to the priest!" So must having by an act of perfect obtained forgiveness, fulfi

> companied with this act of trition, although the sine remitted by perfect contrib Beloved Christians, you the means whereby to obt of the leprosy of your soul time you should be in dan and have no opportunity your sins, make an act of trition with the resolution confession. Should death denly overtake you withou lation of the sacraments, in God a merciful Judge I beg of you, apply this conciliation only when death-use it as often as misfortune of falling in We are never secure a but may die at any m terrible, therefore, to li with God, when hell but feet and death can in an us before the judgment Let us, therefore, flee fr of sin, and if, unfortuna been infected by it see immediately, so that t always find us, like fair waiting and watching f

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to show your leprosy to the

the sacrament of penance,

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In Reply to Oft Repea It may be well to state, acts as a food as well as a n up the wasted issues and health after wasting fever. Only those who have he tell the torture corns cause boots on, pain with them oday; but relief is sure to way's Corn Cure.