

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS.

The following resolution was passed before the final adjournment of the Christian Endeavor convention at Sedalia, Mo., last week :

"Whereas, in various places in Missouri for many years the Constitution of the United States has been violated and civil liberty outraged in that helpless girls and women have been illegally and cruelly held in a condition of slavery in prison houses not recognized by the law of the land, viz : nunneries, reformatories, and convents, now, therefore, we, representatives of the Christian Endeavor societies of Missouri, 140,000 strong, do most earnestly request the governor of Missouri to recommend legislation which shall prevent the unwarranted arrest and detention of any person whatever in this state. We further request the general assembly of Missouri to pass said laws to the end that the grievous wrongs be summarily stopped.—PATRIOTIC AMERICAN.

The above is practical work. All our Christian Conventions and gatherings should pass a like resolution for the opening of convents for inspection.

Startling statements are made by Mrs Fossett in the Methodist Recorder, of London Eng. She says that convent schools in and around London are largely patronized by nonconformist middle-class parents for the sake, among other things, of the supposed superior tuition they give in French and German. A lady wesleyan, who sends her daughters to such a school, remarked that nearly half the school was made up of wesleyan and congregational girls.

UNION.

The common statement, "with union there is strength," is true, where there is true union, but there can be an outward union where there is not a union of sentiment—such a union as the Roman Catholic church with other churches. The object of the Roman Catholic church would be to impede the progress of and cripple the protestant church in her work, and there would be no more benefit from this union than from one person taking another in his arms and then striking and kicking him. With this kind of union there is not strength. The protestant that will place himself and his work at this disposal of the Roman Catholic church, if he is not a fool, has not been properly informed and cannot read human nature. There is a vast difference between allowing a man or a church to think as they choose and worship as they choose, and in uniting with them in that thinking and worshipping.

If the Roman Catholic church could be called a christian church there would be some ground for an argument, but she is not a christian church. She is a pagan church. Where the Virgin Mary is honored she takes the place of a herthen deity. The fact that the commandment regarding the worship of images is taken from the commandments by the Roman catholic church shows that they are pagans.

If men want to unite in any way with the Roman catholics, the next step for them to take will be to unite with the Brahmins and then with the fetich-worshippers of Africa. The only thing that we can do with the Roman catholics is to act on the same principle that they do—unite with them on the ground that they will take the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, and believe the Bible as all evangelical christians do. That is the only way a christian can consistently unite with them. Sweet charity sounds well, but it does not look so well when it is pulled through the mire and among the pots of papal paganism.

We are glad to hear from the south. It does us good to see them standing firmly against the common enemy of this Nation. As we, they look upon the monster as a two-headed best—political and religious. It is the same foe that did so much to cause the late war, as my ny said at that time, "If a few were hung we would not have had a war," and that few would have been a heavy blow to the church of Rome, whose hand we see so plainly at the assassination of Lincoln. But now, when the pope orders another method of attack the South shows her love for the country, and says with us "Down with the enemy."

One of the best things that could have happened to unite the North and South is this fighting of the pope. It will unite the states as nothing else would.

Let the fight go on and let the Southern boys have a chance. Let no good article from them go into the waste basket, and let them pay to Rome a good amount of solid, good advice for putting them and the United States into so much trouble.

O'Connor, of New York, Dr. Fulton, of Massachusetts, Connellan, of Dublin, Ireland, and some others, are taking the right position regarding Roman catholics. They do not simply oppose their schemes, but they make plans to convert them. By this method they not only capture the enemy but also create a fellow soldier, and every convert accomplishes more than the average protestant. This is the only solution of this sociological problem. If there are persons who are christians and deplore the fighting of political factions, they take your Bible and any literature which is adapted to this kind of work and go at work. Go and convert them as you would expect the missionaries who go to Italy, Spain, South America, and Mexico would go and convert them. If you say you do not know how there are many who are engaged in the work, and it would be advisable to write to them for suggestions; and if you say you "just can't," it shows you are worth comparatively nothing to the cause of christianity. There are many workers who have a good amount of common sense, let them use it and let the ranks of the pope's army feel it.

This is the charge made by the Roman catholic clergy. Then that there may not be ground for this statement, let every one use his influence to put the Bible, which is not a sectarian book, in the school where he or she lives. Let no stone be unturned. If the Roman catholic priests do not wish to study the Bible, that is no argument that we should not want our children to hear the Bible read, without note or comment. Let every