

SPURGEON ON THE FALL OF FALSE RELIGIONS.

Woe to all human societies and brotherhoods which are framed to resist the Lord. Mark the conflict and its end! It is brief enough. A stroke! Where is the hope of the Lord's adversary? Gone, gone, utterly gone; only a few potsherds remain. Oh for such a smiting of the apostacy of Rome! Oh for one touch of the iron rod upon the imposture of Mohammed! Oh for a blow at Buddhism and a back stroke at the superstition of Brahminism, and at all the idols of the heathen! Woe unto the gods of the land of Sinim in that day; a single stroke shall set the potsherds flying. Wherefore, then, should we fear, although they plot and plan; although a solemn conclave of cardinals be held, though the Pope fulminate his bulls, though the Sultan ordain that every convert to Christianity shall be put to death though still the scoffers revile at Christianity, and say that it spreads not as once it did! A speedy answer shall confound them, or if not speedy, yet the stroke shall be sure. Our King waits awhile. He hath leisure. Haste belongs to weakness; his strength moves calmly. Only let him be aroused and you shall see how quick are his paces. He redeemed the world in a few short hours upon the tree, and I warrant you that when he getteth that iron rod, once fairly to work he will not need many days to ease him of his adversaries, and make a clean sweep of all that set themselves against him.

PUZZLING THE PRIEST.

A Protestant little girl, being asked by a priest to attend his religious instruction, refused, saying it was against her father's wishes. The Priest said she should obey him, not her father.

"Oh sir we are taught in the Bible—Honor thy father and thy mother."

"You have no business to read the Bible," said the priest.

But, sir, our Saviour said in John . . . 39: 'Search the Scriptures.'

"That was only to the Jews and not to children, and you don't understand it," said the priest.

"But, sir, St. Paul said to Timothy: 'from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures.' (2 Tim., iii 15.)"

"Oh," said the priest "Timothy was then being trained to be a bishop, and taught by the authorities of the church."

"Oh, no sir," said the child, "he was taught by his mother and his grandmother."

On this the priest turned away, saying she "knew enough of the Bible to poison a parish!"—The Catholic, May, 1895.

In spite of sneers and sanctimonious disclaimers of Papist news papers to the contrary, frightened and hysterical girls are constantly reported by the press here and there about the country as escaping from convents and nunneries. Usually they are captured and taken struggling back. Fine doings these, in a country claiming to be free and Christian. But patience, friend; it's not for long. These wrongs shall be righted as certainly as this earth of ours revolves.—Kenosha Independent.

Rome's influence at Washington and her policy of controlling our army are both illustrated by the promotion of Col. John J. Coppinger to Brigadier General. During the war Coppinger was an officer of the papal guard at Rome, but he was fortunate enough to win and wed Alice Blaine, who joined the Catholic church before their marriage, and he was then provided a soft place in our army that ought to have gone to a war veteran, and is now promoted over the heads of fifteen Colonels superior in rank. Cleveland, thy name is Dennis.—Woman's Voice.

ROME AND RUIN.

(Concluded from last issue.)

TESTIMONY FROM CATHOLIC SOURCES.

Miss M. T. Elder, of New Orleans, a niece of Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati, in an essay read at the Catholic Congress during the World's Fair at Chicago, asked: "Why is it that the greatest men of our nation are non-Catholic? The great men of our nation have been, and are, and will continue to be Protestant. The great philanthropists, the great orators, the great writers, thinkers, leaders, scientists, inventors and teachers of our land have been Protestants. When I reflect that out of 70,000,000 of this nation we number only 9,000,000, and that out of that 9,000,000 so large a proportion is made up of liquor dealers, poor factory hands, mill and shop and mine and railroad employees, I fail to find material for buncombe, and yet we are all eulogizing ourselves."

The eminent Catholic theologian, Dr. A. Brownson, who affirmed that "Protestantism of every form has not and never can have any right where Catholicism is triumphant," wrote thus in the Catholic Review concerning parochial schools: "They who are educated in our schools seem misplaced and mistimed in the world, as if born and educated for a world that had ceased to exist. The cause of failure of what we call Catholic education lies, in our judgment, in the fact that we educate not for the present or future, but for the past."

Is it not a fact that the Romish Church controls a large proportion of the desperate people of society? Do not our criminal classes come from countries where the Romish Church has been dominant for centuries? You do not and cannot disprove the testimony of the Catholic journals and Catholic chaplain, which I quoted—that your Church contributes more criminals than any other religious denomination. You did not disprove the Parliamentary report for 1881, which shows that while the Catholics form only three-quarters of the population of Ireland, they furnish six-sevenths of the criminals.

CONDITIONS IN IRELAND.

Her Majesty's inspectors report concerning juvenile offenders in reformatories and industrial schools in Ireland shows that there were in reformatories in 1883 143 Protestants and 956 Catholics. In industrial schools in 1883, 805 Protestants and 5,179 Catholics. In five counties in the north of Ireland, it requires only 11 or 12 policemen to keep order among 10,000 people, while in five other counties of Ireland, where there are more parochial schools, it requires from 41 to 46 policemen to keep order among each 10,000.

In 1841 the Roman Catholic population of Ireland was about 6,500,000, who were under the care of 2,156 priests.

Let the Irish smash the Romish machine and Ireland will be free! Ire and will have Home Rule when Rome Rule ends.

RELIGIONS AND CRIMES.

Leon Bouland, an ex-priest, in the Forum, of July, 1888, calls attention to the fact that in the city of New York 75 per cent. of the criminals are members and adherents of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you will study the reports of our jails and penitentiaries you will find that your Church has from more than three to four times its due proportion according to the population. The same is true of our pauper institutions. The inmates are nearly all foreigners and