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"THE ENEMY ORGANIZING."

The I. O. O. F. Companion in its last issue says:
 "It is a dull month when Rome does not organize some sort of a new scheme for consolidating her voters and bringing 'influence' (?) to bear upon politicians. Here is the latest given in the Catholic Citizen, of Milwaukee:
 federations of Catholic societies in large cities is now meeting with much encouragement. In Cincinnati the movement has been carried out and an organization called the Federation of Catholic societies of Cincinnati and Hamilton county has been established. The organization has issued the following explanatory circular:
 "You are no doubt aware that a number of prominent Catholic societies of Cincinnati have succeeded in establishing in Hamilton county a federation of Catholic societies whose object it is
 "1. To establish a bond of close friendship among the Catholic societies of Cincinnati and vicinity.
 "2. To work for the general welfare of Catholic interests apart from the special object of each organization—leaving each society with its own government and officers, but establishing a central board for the purpose of better carrying out the principles of fraternity and fellowship advocated by all.
 "3. To vindicate the rights of Catholics as citizens.
 "4. To support the Catholic Press and diffuse Catholic literature.
 "5. To defend Catholic principles and protest against all measures antagonizing them.
 That a federation of this kind is necessary is apparent to all. Our rights as Catholics are oftentimes assailed. Even at the present a bill is pending in our legislature which, if it passes, will oblige our thousands of Catholics in this city to assist in providing free school books indiscriminately for the pupils of our public schools. Of what avail is it for one or two of our societies to protest against such a measure? Should, however, a Catholic federation, composed of all male Catholic societies of the

city, with a membership of 25,000, offer a protest in the matter, it might discourage many of these officials who are ever on the alert to trample on the rights of Catholic citizens. And, again, would it not be timely for the Catholics of America to protest against the bill recently passed in Congress in which our Catholic Indian schools are refused governmental aid? Many similar cases might be enumerated where it would be well for the Catholics to raise their voices in unison in condemnation or approbation as the case might be.—The American.

We do not object to the Romanists doing all they can religiously. We do object to their doing any thing politically for their religious establishment. The government has nothing to do with religion. Let the State keep its hands off religion. We believe in complete separation of Church and State. One principal objection to Romanism is its political character and its desire to control the State.

MUST DO JUSTLY.

Bishop Potter, commenting on the deplorable state of religion in the Philippines, says: "The religious orders have robbed the people, wrung from them their lands and taxed the administration of the sacraments and ordinances of religion with a scale of exactions and impositions at once scandalous and outrageous. The rights of these wrongs lie at the foundation of the whole Philippine problem. We must do justly in the Philippines, or God will have no use for us, and our presence there will inevitably redound to our national dishonor."—Primitive Catholic.
 Bishop Potter states a part above. But the question arises have we done justly already? If not, what is the use of expecting that we will do so in the future?
 If the matter had been turned over to the Filipinos they would have settled the wrongs, which are spoken of above. Can we settle them? Will we, if we can? What business have we settling questions which properly belong to the people there? Let the government hands off in all religious matters. It should not favor any nor fight any. Americanism should be the policy of our government in all things. Aid no denomination or church and treat none with disfavor. We are in favor of perfect religious liberty for everyone without any government interference. Let the Filipinos have liberty—civil and especially religious.

The Journal gives encouraging reports from New York State. Yesterday's Journal says: "A plurality of 100,000 for Bryan in the Greater New York is what the McKinley national campaign committee has set out to beat. This confession was made to a Journal reporter yesterday by a man who is closely identified with the management of the canvass in the East. In other words, not only has all hope been abandoned that McKinley will repeat his 61,420 plurality of four years ago, but a loss of one hundred thousand more votes is conceded. New York county gave McKinley in 1896 a plurality of 20,785; Kings, 82,258; Queens, 6,814, and Richmond, 1,718. None of these counties is now claimed by the Republicans, especially since the Journal's poll showed at least 90,000 plurality for Bryan in New York."
 A Philadelphia Republican news paper announced Sunday that Mr. Hanna had New York down as "doubtful" on his private slate. That's right encouraging.—Charlotte News.
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Admiral Philip on Whiskey.
 The late Admiral Philip who commanded the Battleship Texas in the battle of Santiago, was a man of more than usual power and one who loved his fellowmen. A short time before his death he was at West Point. The account of his speech there before the Y. M. C. A. contains the following:
 He told what he and his fellow-officers at the Brooklyn Navy Yard were doing to rescue sailors. He said that between the entrance to the yard and the street cars were forty-seven saloons, occupying every available building of that block, and on pay days "barker," both men and women, would stand on the side-walks to intercept the sailors and entice them into the saloons. He had tried in vain to secure the intervention of the police, for the same authority that authorized the saloon-keepers to locate their protected them in their efforts to lure victims in their dens, but he had succeeded in but one or two of the saloons and their places had established a snug harbor for distressed seaman, where a "Jack," drunk or sober, could find protection, a bed, a hot cup of coffee, a plate of soup and a sandwich.
 The admiral gave some most amazing statistics about the number of sailors who had been taken or received into this refuge in a state of intoxication and kept there until they sober. At the time, he said, he was raising money among benevolent people in Brooklyn to purchase the property and erect a more suitable building.—N. C. Baptist.

It is doubtful if ever before such a momentous problem has confronted the civilized nations of the world as at the present time. For almost a month the despised Chinese have kept the great powers in suspense and apparently all at sea. The wily Ah Sin is showing that as a nation he is as cunning, crafty and unprincipled as we have found the individual specimens with whom we are afflicted in this country. We are not much concerned as to what course the European government will take but every American must feel exceedingly anxious that our government will act with promptness and to good effect. This is no case now of "Imperialism" or expansion, the honor of the nation is at stake. Every American, regardless of sectional lines or party affiliation must demand that our government shall protect our citizens in every part of the world. For many years the United States did not do this and our American citizens were humiliated when abroad by the apparent contempt foreigners had for our government, on that account. The events of the last two or three years or since the Venezuelan incident followed up by the decisive action regarding Cuba, has gained our country distinction among the old world peoples and that very fact has caused many wise Statesmen to fear the future, owing to possible foreign entanglements into which we may purposely be led by the jealous designs of the powers.
 We fail to see so much need for diplomacy now as for prompt aggressive action. The Chinaman has the most supreme contempt for all foreign nations, he calls them "subject nations" and he feels a sublime confidence that he can outwit them all. No credit should be given to any professions or proposals he makes. Sin-cerity is an unknown virtue to the Mongolian. The communications the Emperor of China has just sent to all civilized powers, have met with very similar reception by all. They have called forth diplomatic replies; long paragraphs strung together to disguise rather than express the sentiment of the writers. Only one bright exception has been seen. The London dispatches of yesterday say: "It is learned that Queen Victoria's reply to the request of the Chinese emperor for mediation ran: 'I am unable to hold diplomatic communication with your highness on any subject until I am assured that my minister in Peking is safe.'" Every American must honor the grand old woman for that noble reply.—The American.

Heaven Won by Earnestness.
 It is but a vain thing to talk of going to heaven if thou let thy heart be encumbered with those things that would hinder. Would you not say that such a man would be in danger of losing though he run, if he fill his pockets with stones, having heavy garments on his shoulders, and great lumpy shoes on his feet? So it is here, thou talkest of going to heaven, and yet fillest thy pocket with stones, i. e., fillest thy heart with this world, lettest that hang on thy shoulders with its profits and pleasures. Alas! alas! thou art widely mistaken. If thou intendest to win, thou must lay aside every weight, thou must be temperate in all things. Thou must so run.—JOHN BUNYAN.

A Night of Terror.
 "Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning" writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia but she begged for Dr. Kings New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all throat, chest and lung diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Theo. F. Klutz & Co's., drug store.

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SCHEDULE.
 The following is the schedule of all passenger trains on the Southern Railway as revised February 18th, 1900.

NORTH BOUND.
 Local No. 8 6:17 a m
 Vestibule " 36 11:04 a m
 Local " 12 8:00 p m
 Vestibule " 38 9:30 p m
 " " 84 10:20 p m

SOUTH BOUND.
 Vestibule No. 23 6:55 a m
 " " 37 8:12 a m
 Local " 11 9:35 a m
 " " 7 7:55 p m
 Vestibule " 35 8:24 p m

WESTERN.
 No 11 leaves 10:10 a m
 " 35 " 8:40 p m
 " 36 arrives 10:40 a m
 " 12 " 7:35 p m

YADKIN ROAD.
 No 17 leaves 11:10 a m
 " 47 " 1:30 p m
 " 46 arrives 9:30 a m
 " 18 " 7:35 p m

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All That He Asked.—Miss Lulu Finnigan—I will give you an answer in a month, Pat." He—That's right, me darlint; tek plinty av time to think it over. But tell me wan thing now—will it be yes or no?—Judge.

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