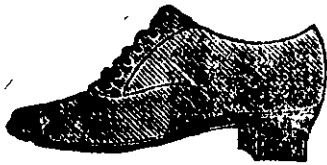


gain. The greater number of them belong to religious orders, and have been specially educated for the vocation of teaching. Personally, they receive no salaries; the money they get from some parishes goes into the common fund of their order, which cares for their absolute necessities and provides them with a home. They possess not a penny which they call their own. Living according to a strict daily rule themselves, it is only natural that they should command order in their class-rooms. Political influence has nothing to do with their appointment. Experienced judges pass upon their capacity, and place them in the sphere where they will do the most effective service. So much, therefore, for the opinions propounded by the Know-nothing correspondent of the *Star*. As to his "facts" and assumed quotations, they may be appraised by the exposure we made of him a few months ago with respect to the attitude towards education of the Archbishop of San Francisco. Even from a Know-nothing, nevertheless, and a congenial panderer to the needs of the unholy alliance represented by the Dunedin *Star*, we may learn a useful lesson. Here is an open expression of the hope of the league of Satan against the Church:—"Our hope is that another generation of Catholic children, taught in the public schools, will turn the tide against Rome for ever." We may learn from this hope of the league—formed, in the bonds of a consistent Satan, of the atheist, the free-thinker, the Jew, and the fervent Evangelical—the absolute necessity that exists for Catholics to make the education question the first interest of all, and to surrender not one hair's breadth in connection with it. That is the one useful scrap, and doubtless it is of sufficient importance, to be picked from this heap of rubbish.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION. THE excellent results obtained in Catholic schools are also once more made evident by the recent Intermediate Examinations in Ireland. The Dublin *Freeman* once more reports the success of the Catholic competitors:—"Almost all of the coveted prizes, at least in the boys' department," says our contemporary, "have fallen to them. A Catholic student is first in each of the three grades. In the Senior

A DOUBTFUL SENSATION. TWO of the Dunedin ministers have made a sensational display. Their reverences have copied, with some modification, an example set them two or three years ago by a minister in New York. That divine himself, in *propria persona*, made a tour of the liquor and gambling saloons, and other infamous haunts of the city, and then described his experiences in a series of sermons. These ministers in Dunedin tell us that they had contemplated personal exploration, but, on reflection, found themselves hardly equal to the task, partly, if not chiefly, it would seem, because they did not feel "cute" enough to undertake it with success. They therefore employed a detective, and set him to work in their stead. The details collected by this individual, we trust without any sacrifice of personal integrity, or partaking in the orgies for the laudable purpose of exposing them, are very full. The city, indeed, appears to be teeming with vice under all its shapes, fifty per cent of our men, and five per cent of our married men taking part in it. The ministers throw all the blame on the hotels, and accuse even those of the trade who are most respectable of conniving at the infamy. But rever ministers, in many instances, seem freed from the obligations of the commandment that forbids a man to bear false witness against his neighbour. That they should cast off the bonds when it is necessary to defend themselves from blame is only to be expected. Who, in fact, more than themselves is in fault—that is, according to their own showing? They have a gospel and a power of preaching, they profess, which can reform and vivify the world. Have they, therefore, refrained from a due exercise of their Ministry? They have, at least, taken a leading part in that league of Satan by which the young are deprived of religious teaching, and they have done so by virtue of the common bond, enmity towards the Catholic Church. Instigated by this, they have joined in the crowd begotten of Satan headed by atheistic Jews, and embracing men of every shade of anti-Catholic opinion. Let these rever ministers examine their own conscience as well as that of the hotelkeepers. And what now is their remedy? The formation of something they call a "Civic Church" to hold up a torch to vice and

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Grade the special gold medals for English, classics, mathematics, and modern languages have all fallen to Catholic students. These are some, and only some, of the most remarkable of the Catholic successes." In alluding to individual students the *Freeman* assigns the palm of distinction to Master Andrew Ryan, of the Christian Brothers' College, Cork. "He has not only gained first place in the Senior Grade, but, even still more remarkable, he has obtained the gold medals both in classics and mathematics, in addition to the gold medal for the highest score. This unique distinction reflects the highest credit on the teaching staff of the Christian College, Cork, and attaches the highest promise to the future of the student himself." St Colman's College, Fermoy, has also obtained fine results. Two of its students won, respectively, the first place in the Middle and Junior Grades; another of them won the fourth place in the Junior Grade, and two others Burke Memorial Prizes. The pupils of the Jesuits of Clongowes Wood have also distinguished themselves, winning first place in the Preparatory Grade, and second place respectively in the Senior and Middle Grades. "Besides the gold medal won for English by Master Conroy in the Senior Grade, we notice that Clongowes Wood has secured many other high exhibitions. The success of Blackrock College is, as usual, conspicuous. The gold medal for modern languages in the Senior Grade and the English medal in the Middle Grade have been won by its pupils. Two students of the Christian Brothers' school, North Richmond street, have obtained second and third places in the Junior Grade, a distinction which is only the most notable of a series attributable to this admirable institution." The Catholic girls' schools are also well to the front. "Thus, in the Middle Grade the gold medal for English and, we believe, the first place in the grade have been secured by Miss Mary A. Barnaville, of the Dominican Convent, Eccles street. The Loretto and Ursuline nuns, and the other teaching Orders, have also well sustained their reputation." In the face of all this evidence, therefore, what becomes of the vapourings of impudent Know-nothing, and panderers to a league of Satan?

make it glaring as well as general. Their "Civic Church" will prove as egregious a failure as their Evangelical Church has proved. No good came in New York of the display made there by the sensational preacher to whom we have referred; nor will any good come in Dunedin of the sensation to which we particularly allude. Something, nevertheless, might be done to stem the tide if, instead of a no sensical non-descript "Civic Church," a league were formed against the godless schools. The devil, however, as they say, can take care of his own. The league of Satan is too strong for that.

AMONG the quotations or the concoctions contained in the Keokuk dust-cart is one which purports to **GIBBING** give a pessimistic view of the position and moral condition of Catholics in America, as taken by a **MATTER** FOR THE JEW.

Mr Elder who read a paper at the Chicago Congress. We notice, however, that, in this quotation or concoction, Catholics are not mentioned, as partaking especially in the fifth of the nation—in the adulterous ranks of the divorced for example. That, as it would seem, is reserved for pious gentry of the Evangelical stamp:—"As the scope of the law [of divorce]," says a writer in the *North American Review*, "is little by little enlarged, an increasing number seek and obtain divorces, and after a while it becomes a perfectly respectable thing to contract what might be termed experimental marriages. In the West, especially, society receives back divorcees. The palaces of the well-to-do are open to them. Churches do not cast them out, and ministers welcome them at their Communion tables. They may occupy positions of trust and honour, two or three divorces to their credit side notwithstanding."—Nor does Mr Elder mention Catholics as prominent in the filthy ranks concerning which, for further example, Victoria Woodhull furnishes us with particulars—hardly possible to reproduce. That a poor immigrant population, largely exposed too to the perdition of those Know-nothings of whom this Keokuk beauty is so bright a specimen, should be found in a backward position and in many objectionable quarters is a matter of necessity. But we need not go to America to find disreputable ranks in which