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# IN PRISON FOR THE FAITH

OR  
*SIX MONTHS IN "IRELAND"*

*FREE*  
**SPEECH**  
**A**  
**FREE**  
**PRESS**



*CIVIL*  
**AND**  
**RELIGIOUS**  
**LIBERTY'**

*These we will maintain*

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An Expose of My Trial and Imprisonment for alleged  
"CRIMINAL LIBEL" in Publishing the purported Oath  
of the Knights of Columbus. The Papal Conspiracy  
Laid Bare. The Pope's Grip on San Francisco Exposed.

**LET THERE BE LIGHT**

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## FOREWORD.

In politics, in business, or in your neighbors quarrels, you may without impunity be neutral. But in the matter of duty to one's country, in the realm of Faith and Morals, in questions of Right and Wrong, no one is, or can be, neutral. For the Patriot and Follower of Truth there can be no policy of the Middle Way. He is For or He is Against.

If you call yourself Protestant and stand aside in the hour your kinsmen call, or in the critical moment of Faith's Issue, then you are neither true, loyal, or self-respecting. To stand aside on the hillslope, an indifferent spectator, when the Banners of Liberty pass by and the Protestant legions march on to defend their heritage and their rights,—is to be classed as "one of the enemy." History as so recorded the Judgment of God. It is not to be disputed.

## THIS BOOK

Is dedicated to all who put Christ before Mammon, Freedom and Truth before Comfort and Ease, the Flag before the Church, and Civil Law above Canon Law.

Protestantism stands for such a platform. True Protestants practise it. Any other kind of "Protestant" should be anathematised for perjury and misrepresentation.

D. J. GORDON.

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# IN PRISON FOR THE FAITH

## CHAPTER I.

### INTRODUCTION

The right of Free Speech and a Free Press has long been considered a constitutional guarantee of every Citizen. But it is not true in fact. The Papacy and other "big interests" have a tremendous strangle-hold on our much boasted free institutions. Apart from a few daily Publications there is no such thing as a "Free Press" in the United States. If you doubt the fact just try unqualified Advertising or News Articles of an open Protestant Character. Do you know that in San Francisco there is not a single Public Hall available for a Protestant Lecture—not one. The best available are a couple of small Lodge Rooms, badly located and very unsuitable. Not even the large Masonic Auditoriums, of which there are three, can be had under any consideration. Such is the influence of the Papacy.

Very few Protestant Churches in San Francisco will loan their buildings for Protestant Lectures. Very few news-stands are allowed to carry Protestant Publications. No San Francisco Business Concern can freely advertise in a Protestant Publication. Very few men can be elected to public office unless they trim their political sails to Papal Breezes. Similarly, the local Judiciary, the personnel of the "available" jury list, the administration of the Sheriff's Office and Police Department, are as much swamped by the Papacy as if they were "soused" in an Irish Bog-hole. There is no such thing as a progressive American Spirit in San Francisco. There is a distinctly dominant Irish atmosphere almost wherever you go. It matters not where you turn there seems to be an alien control. No matter what Public Department you enter there you see evidence of Roman Catholic control. Rome seems to ride the saddle no matter what Masonic Emblems local political war horses display.

I submit the following narrative of my experiences and observations, and what I have endured as an exponent of Protestant principles, so that the Public may know

the facts which the Daily Press "neglected" to publish. I think the public have a right to know the full story of my trial and imprisonment, and essential facts in connection therewith, and then judge for themselves as to the kind of justice meted out in Rome's farthest West Stronghold.

The personnel of the Public Departments, most of the school teachers are grossly inefficient and Roman Catholics. The Judiciary of San Francisco is composed largely of incompetent men who are fifth-rate attorneys, elected for reasons of political and religious connections. There is therefore a real Crisis in San Francisco that ought to be a challenge to the Americanism of her 60 per cent Protestant Population if they would only throw aside their indifference and fear and make some effort to smash the yoke that Rome has fastened round their necks.

I speak of these things because I know. I have exposed these conditions for a number of years. That is the reason Rome has tried "to get me." One of her K. C. witnesses admitted on the "Stand that they had been trying to get me for a long time." Of San Francisco we can say: "Her whole head is sick: her whole heart is faint. From the crown of her head to the soles of her feet there is nothing but the wounds of Papal Treachery. K. C. bruises, and foreign putrifying sores. So long as there are cities in America like San Francisco there will be need for a Ku Klux Klan.

The fact that I was refused the right of trial in the County of Alameda, where I live and where the Crusader has always been published, shows that my enemies dare not meet me in an open American Court before an American jury. I do not hold animosity even now towards any person simply because of his religious connections. But I claim the right to oppose and criticise any public group of persons, any organization that functions in Public Life, and expose their errors or false premises, and check their inroads on the integrity of American Institutions. If that is crime, I plead guilty. When you have read the following pages you can judge "What manner of Man I am and the manner of conspiracy of which I was the K. C. victim. I do not hate any one for his religious affiliations nor would I be actuated by malice towards any person or persons, not even against those K. C.'s who sent me to jail unjustly and left my wife and family helpless and dependent.

## CHAPTER II.

### COPY OF THE INFORMATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGAINST DAVID J. GORDON

In the SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO the 30th day of August A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-two, David J. Gordon is accused by the District Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California by this information, of the crime of Misdemeanor, to-wit: Violating the Provisions of Section 249 of the Penal Code, committed as follows: The said David J. Gordon on or about the 1st day of July A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-two at the City and County of San Francisco, State of California then and there being one of the editors, proprietors and publishers of a certain serial publication and magazine called and styled "The Crusader," which said serial publication and magazine then and there had its publication office in and was then and there published and circulated in the said City and County of San Francisco, and then and there wilfully and unlawfully contriving and wilfully, unlawfully, knowingly, designedly and maliciously intending to injure, vilify and prejudice persons, members of the Fourth Degree of that certain fraternal organization and association known as the Knights of Columbus, and among said persons and members, to injure, vilify and prejudice one David Supple, then and there, one of the members of said Fourth Degree of said Knights of Columbus, and to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue and reputation of said members and said David Supple, and to expose said members and said David Supple to public hatred, ridicule and contempt, did then and there wilfully, unlawfully, knowingly, designedly and maliciously print and publish and cause to be printed and published in said serial publication and magazine, a certain false and malicious, libel and defamation expressed by printing, of and concerning said members of said Fourth Degree of said Knights of Columbus and of and concerning said David Supple, and of and concerning the oath and continuing obligation then and therefore taken and assumed by said members and said David Supple in said Fourth Degree of said Knights of Columbus which said libel and defamation was then and there in the words and figures following, to-wit:

## "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OATH FOURTH DEGREE"

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the Saints sacred host of Heaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola, in the pontification of Paul the III, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that His Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's vice-regent and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given His Holiness by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose, heretical kings, princes, States, Commonwealths, and Governments and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore to the utmost of my power I will defend this doctrine and His Holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of same now established in Ireland and on the Continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard thereto that they may be usurped in heretical opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome.

"I now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince, or State, named Protestant or Liberals, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates, or officers.

"I do further declare that the doctrine of the Churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinist, Huguenots, and others of the name of Protestants or Masons to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

"I do further declare that I will help, assist, and advise all or any of His Holiness' agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Ireland, or America, or in any other kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Masonic doctrines and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

"I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding that I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's in-

terest, to keep secret and private all her agent's counsels from time to time, as they intrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing, or circumstances whatever, but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me by you, my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred order.

"I do further promise and declare that I will not have opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as corpse or cadaver (*perinde ac cadaver*,) but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superior in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ.

"That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions North, jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever is communicated to me.

"I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Jews, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex, or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same can not be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time be directed so to do by any agents of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

"In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul, and all corporal powers, and with the dagger which I now receive I will subscribe, my name written in my blood in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly be opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever.

"That I will in voting always vote for a K. of C. in preference to a Protestant, especially a Mason, and that I will leave my party so to do; that if two Catholics are on the ticket I will satisfy myself which is the better supporter of the Mother Church and vote accordingly.

"That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic. That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant families that a weekly report may be made of the inner movements of the heretics.

"That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed. or I am comanded to defend the church either as an individual or with the militiaof the Pope.

"All of which I, \_\_\_\_\_ do swear by the blessed Trinity and the blessed sacrament which I am now to receive to perform and on part to keep this oath."

"In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my name written with the point of this dagger dipped in my blood and the seal in the face of this holy Sacrament."

### THE K. K. K. OATH.

As Klansmen, we have no fight with anyone that has this country's interest at heart. We prefer to live in harmony with all men and would work with them to keep this country the greatest, grandest and the most wonderful country in the world, where every man can work his way up the ladder of success and live a life of complete happiness and harmony, always remembering these sublime words. "Peace on Earth, good will to all men."

Perhaps you will be interested in the Ku Klux Klan oath, or the first part thereof:

### OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

(You will say) I \_\_\_\_\_ (pronounce your full name—and repeat after me) most solemnly pledge, promise and swear—that I will never slander—defraud—or in any manner wrong—the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan—a Klansman—or a Klansman's family—nor will I suffer the same to be done—if I can prevent it.

"I swear that I will be faithful—in defending and protecting the home—reputation—and physical and business interests —of a Klansman—and that of a Klansman's family.

"I swear that I will at any time—without hesitat-

ing—go to the assistance or rescue—of a Klansman in any way—at his call I will answer—I will be truly Klanish towards klansmen—in all things honorable.

“I swear to keep secure to myself—a secret of a Klansman when same is committed to me—in the sacred bond of Klansmanship the crime of violating this solemn oath—treason against the United States of America—rape—and malicious murder excepted.

“I most solemnly assert and affirm—that to the Government of the United States of America—and any State therein—of which I may become a resident—I sacredly swear—an unqualified allegiance, above every and any kind of government in the world. I here and now—pledge my life—my property—my vote—and my sacred honor—to uphold its flag—its constitution and constitutional laws—and will protect—defend—and will enforce same unto death.”

“I swear that I will most zealously and valiantly—shield and preserve—by any and all—justifiable means and methods—the sacred constitutional rights—and privileges of—free public schools—free speech—free press—separation of church and state—liberty—white supremacy—just laws—and a pursuit of happiness—against any encroachment—of any nature—by any person or persons—political party or parties—religious sect or people—native—naturalized or foreign—of any race, color—creed—lineage or tongue whatsoever.

“All to which I have sworn by this oath—I will seal with my blood—be Thou my witness—Almighty God. Amen.”

MATTHEW BRADY,

District Attorney in and for the City and County of San Francisco.

Witnesses: Gerald J. Kaul, James Carter, Thomas J. Feeney, David F. Supple, Frank P. Hughes.

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE TO INFORMATION**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

City and County of San Francisco

I, H. I. Mulcrevy, County Clerk, of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, and Clerk of the Superior Court thereof, do hereby certify the within to be an original information, duly presented and filed by the District Attorney of the said City and County of San Francisco in the Superior Court of the said City and County of San Francisco, in open court on the 31st day of

August, A. D. 1922, and filed as a record of said Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Court this 31st day of August, A. D. 1922.

(SEAL)

H. I. MULCREVY, Clerk.

By R. MUNSON, Deputy.

"He, the said David J. Gordon then and there well knowing and intending that said malicious defamation would tend to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue and reputation of said members and said David Supple and to expose said members and said David Supple to public hatred, ridicule and contempt; contrary to the form, force and effect of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.

### **PRESENTATION AND FILING OF INFORMATION**

Presented and filed by the District Attorney in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California in open Court, in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the City and County of San Francisco, and made a record thereof, this 31st day of August, A. D. 1922.

H. I. MULCREVY, Clerk.

By R. MUNSON, Deputy.

MATTHEW BRADY, District Attorney.

### **AMONGST THE IMMORTALS**

#### **Being An Account of My Jail Life and Experiences**

Were you ever in Prison? I do not mean as a visitor, but as an actual Prisoner? No! Well then you Missed something. It is like having a tooth pulled. You feel better after it is all over. Leaving Jail is very much like leaving Southern Ireland—it is a "foine" place to get away from, especially a Jail in the renowned Hibernian City of Sinn Feincisco.

Well, I have served a six-months' sentence in Prison. Like Frank Silva (formerly U. S. A. District Atty.) who testified against me, and who said he was a 4th Degree K. C.; and "mighty proud of it," I am also mighty proud of having been once initiated for a six months' associate membership amongst so many of his co-religionists in Tom Finn's Boarding House and political Headquarters in San Francisco.

Since changing my place of "residence" recently I met an old acquaintance who expressed surprise that he had not seen me for a long time, and asked me the very embarrassing question, "Where I had been?" I promptly answered, "I have been in Ireland," and passed on to keep an appointment. Yes I was in Ireland, I assure my reader. The atmosphere was distinctly and dominantly Irish—especially "dominantly." What wasn't Irish was just as good, for it was Southern European, Southern American, or Mexican. It reminded me of that pre-revolution period in the world before God said, "Let there be Light,"—minus of course, of that blissful peacefulness which must have then prevailed in those slimy, creeping, days of darkness and confusion.

Some time ago, a colored friend of mine wanted to know when the Irish would quit killing off each other. He seemed to be very much concerned in the matter, and I pressed him for an explanation of his alarm. His reply was, "Well you see, Marse Gordon, its just lake dis, we colored folks don't want all dem Irish put out of business; we don't want to be considered the lowest race." And I assure you my colored friend has got an argument.

### THE "OFFICIALDOM" OF ENGLSIDE.

There are three jails in San Francisco—apart from the Convents and Monasteries. One Thos. F. Finn, is sheriff, a political advisor and Director of the renowned and well-maligned Senator Hibernia Johnson, whose demagoguery and obstructionist tactics are too well known to require repetition. The Superintendent of Ingleside Jail bears the not unfamiliar name of Jim McQuade—a gentleman as blunt in his remarks as the traditional Irish Shellelah, and as "polished" in his manners as one could expect. Jim McQuade is a "native Son" of California, not of Ireland. By the way, however, he is a man of many good qualities and at least should be given the credit of being open and above-board to a great extent, and does things no doubt "according to his lights." The surprising thing is that he has survived so long, either in a political or literal sense, since he is persona non grata with the sheriff, and also because of prisoners' threats to get him. Yet the fact remains, that not even Tom Finn has got him yet, nor have any of these threatening prisoners who seem to love him well enough to always return

to the jail with the regularity and faithfulness of an Irish Pilgrim to a "Sacred" Shrine. The worst you can say about Jim McQuade is that he is too "Irish" in many of his methods; and is not allowed enough power in jail management to have his presence at all times visibly felt.

I have had many conversations with Jim McQuade and at all times found him versatile, volatile, and very wild—in some of his remarks. It was he who told me that when I came there first the orders were to put me in "close confinement" as a dangerous and clever prisoner." Such are the subtle, revengeful, schemes of Romanism to make miserable the lives of those who bare their bosoms to her sword.

There is an "Assistant" Superintendent of Jails. Now one would expect on this job a representative of some other race or nationality, just by way of insuring a proper political equilibrium. The reputed political adroitness and foresight of Tom Finn should in my opinion, provide for that. But it hasn't. It seems the Irish must have made a threat either to man and control the jails and police of San Francisco, or do away with the whole business and set up instead a penninsular Sinn Fein Republic. Speaking candidly, we do not know which would be the worse.

The Assist. Superintendent is therefore by law, fact, right of political succession one Denny O'Neal—a big, brusque, good-natured typical South-of-the-Boyne Irishman, a devoted "Child of the Church," and Special representative of the aforesaid Sheriff Tom Finn. O'Neal's duties are to see that all behave themselves, including the Superintendent McQuade, and to report (with suitable comment no doubt) about the arrival of any "guests" of special consequences, or whose conditions of health or financial status might warrant individual treatment and attention.

Space does not warrant us to go into details concerning the large number of Deputies employed as guards and jailors. In all the jails and throughout the county it runs well into the three figures. Why such a crowd to watch a small number of prisoners? Is this an efficiency staff or is it a political Pay-Roll? Why is it that the people of San Francisco are not interested enough to check up on the millions of dollars spent annually and uselessly on providing jobs in various departments for many who are merely henchmen? Yet when it comes to appropri-

tions for the Public Schools and the issuance of School Bonds, the cries of "Extravagance" and "Retrenchment" are heard!

What do such names as O'Neil, O'Connor, Creden, Roach, Murphy, Mulligan, O'Reilly, suggest to you? There are but a few of the distinguished Roster of the Sheriff's and Police Dept. in San Francisco. Why all these exclusive Irish names of Jailors and guards to watch a few hundred prisoners, half of whom couldnot be driven away if the Prison Gates were flung wide open?

One cannot but be depressed by the perplexing fact that Jews are without representation either on the sheriff's Pay Roll or Guest Roll. The Jew has not been assigned a Sheriff's job, and few have been given cells. Is this due to accident or acumen? I have seen the Jew on the Mart, in the Bank, on the Bench, in politics, on the Rag wagon, and even with Mayor Crowley in the City Hall. But Scotsmen declare that in Aberdeen or Jail he is rarely seen. Why is this Mr. Tom Finn? Surely you owe them something! They always line up solid as workers and voters with your Roman Catholic crowd on Election day.

#### **WHAT ABOUT THE "OTHER FELLOW?"**

Yes, what about him? For there is "another fellow" in San Francisco. It does not matter even if half of them are dead from the neck up. There is "another fellow" in San Francisco. He is at least nominally, if not actively, Protestant. He is scarcely represented on the Pay-Roll. He is almost without representation in the Prison Cells. He represents over sixty per cent of San Francisco's population, and contributes 80 per cent of San Francisco's Taxes. He is a Protestant American, much too modest to speak for himself, or too indifferent or too busy to take the trouble. The fact, however, that his name is rarely seen on the Pay-Roll, shows the religious discrimination that dominates San Francisco in her public Departments.

There is this fact also about this "other fellow" who "foots the Bills" and takes the "cuffing," he is sparsely represented "in the cells." If all the Mexicans, Southern Irish, Southern European, South Americans, and other papal foreigners were removed from San Francisco County Jails, there would remain more Jail officials than prisoners. The Sheriff would then be confronted with a serious problem of "Irish Unemployment."

## A UNIVERSAL CONDITION

What is true of San Francisco is also true in most large cities of the United States. The problem of Crime and Criminals, etc., is predominantly indeed a problem of foreigners and the Papacy. This fact in itself is an eloquent plea for the destruction of alien tongues, alien colonies, alien schools, and all other alien Institutions on American Soil. Over 90 per cent of our Bootleggers are foreigners. Eighty per cent of our Criminals in the United States are foreigners. About 67½ per cent are products of a Parochial School System. San-Quentin Penitentiary is 90 per cent foreign and Roman Catholic. Similarly from Sing Sing to Walla Walla, one finds the same high statistics to support our contention of a real foreign menace, and to justify the assumption that if all immigration stopped, and the Church of Rome ceased entirely to function on American Soil, twenty years from now our Jails would be almost empty, and three-fourths of the members of our police forces would have to work for a living—at something else. Let the Jail Records speak, let the Policeman's work speak, let the Bootlegger and the "Dope Peddler" be seen, let the Parochial School be seen, from the cradle to the cell, let the whole record" of Rum, Rome and Rebellion be displayed. Then shall the fact be proven that Uncle Sam's real menace is that of the Alien Papacy.

## LANGUAGE AND VOCABULARY

During my sojourn in S. F. County Jail I heard alien tongues more often spoken than English, and very poor English at that, very profane, very vile, most filthy and suggestive. All this was regarded as common-place and the "order of the day." Indeed amongst guards and prisoners an English Vocabulary of say one hundred words, including profane and filthy phrases, would be a very generous appraisal. Half of that vocabulary we dare not print for reasons of the tenets of common decency. In jail however one soon gets quite accustomed to it, and you learn to shut your ears to its insidious effects. Thank God nature has given us that faculty if we will to use it, just as the snail is given a shell.

Living in such an atmosphere, every man naturally gravitates to his own level—guards and prisoners alike. A few of the guards seemed to be a fairly good type of men, decent, clean, and conscientious in their duties and dignified in their authority. But every man there could

easily be measured by his habits. Jail is a great leveller for all. Every man is supposed to wear the same kind of clothes, eat the same kind of food, and live the same kind of an ordered officially directed existence. There you see men as they really are, without the restraints and veneers, the hypocrisies and vain deceits that an outside society or civilization imposes. There you have a chance to see men in their naked worthlessness; or living under such elemental conditions that any gold of worth they may possess must shine resplendently like a Pole Star above the Back ground of a dark and angry sea. And I saw all these sides of human character portrayed. I saw the men who regard going to jail as a mere accident, to be reckoned on as a possibility in a chosen life of crime. I saw men who were railroaded there, like myself, either by unthinking, un-balanced judges or because it suited the combination of forces arrayed against them when on trial. I saw men there who were sentenced to 30, 60, or 90 days by "Judge" Lazarus, or "Judge" O'Brien for the most trivial offenses, some of them not men at all but mere 16 year old boys, who should have been given a chance to get right.

But alas our San Francisco Judges do not seem to think very much of that in their docket-clearing, railroad-ing methds of sending young men to jail who ought to be sent home and kept under the surveillance of Parental Care and kindly intelligent Probation Supervision. In San Francisco confirmed criminals get Probation, but "confirmed Americans" get the full limit of the law.

I am fortunate in being able to say that I am none the worse for my experiences. In fact much better. My jail experience only confirmed me further in my convictions, and showed the great necessity there is for men to fight against evil conditions and the de-Americanizing forces in our midst.

When in jail, I asked for no privileges, and got none. In spite of the conditions I made my life there fairly happy. In spite of the fact that my every movement was pretty well watched, I left that jail without spot or blemish, both as regards myself and the actual Institution, for I saw to it that a gang of men of whom I had charge, did the work of cleaning every day in a manner that would fit them for useful occupation "on the outside." I had few miserable days there. I have learned that happiness is conditioned, not circumstanced. What you are, not

where you are is the fundamental basis of happiness. This fact needs emphasizing in these days of "speed." Automobiles, amusements, fine clothes, gaiety, luxurious and gluttonous eating—these things only spell satisfaction of animal appetite. They are neither primary, nor necessary, to happiness. The essential for happiness is to base your thoughts and convictions on the tested Rock of Eternal Truth; discipline your animal passions; and give full encouragement to your spiritual instincts. Modern psychology is doing a very helpful work in this regard with its program of "mental processes" and constructive thinking, except that it has a tendency too often to reckon without God and disregard the moral and Spiritual springs of one's being. There is no applied psychology that can exceed the bounds of human development and achievement as outlined in the beatitudes of Jesus and the Third Chapter of John. Of such happiness no human being can rob me, be he Cardinal, Pope or Priest. I may be "down" but I am not "out." They may put me in Prison, but I am not a prisoner. They may close the doors and and then shall be verified our bold assertion that the Supreme problem of Uncle Sam is a foreign problem—whether that problem be displayed in holy petticoats or a pair of handcuffs.

### THE VENOM OF HIS SPLEEN.

Many little incidents, more or less of a trifling nature occurred to me when in Prison. For example I received a number of copies of Current issues of the Official K. C. Magazine. These were secretly placed in my cell. A scarcity of "good" reading material, and a desire to know how my "friends" were conducting themselves in my enforced absence, made these copies doubly welcome. My curiosity urged me on to find out who my unknown benefactor was. Finally, a prisoner one day confessed to me that he did it. I asked him why? "Well" he said, "One of the guards, named Mike, told me to take them and put them in your cell." I told my prisoner friend to go tell "Mike" that I enjoyed reading them, as I liked to get every point of view possible on matters of vital interest, and would be grateful to get more. Next day he returned and announced the fact that he had told "Mike," and here is what "Mike" said: "Did Gordon say that, now, that he he much enjoyed reading my K. C. Magazines? Well then,

devil another one can he have." This incident shows the petty, malevolent spirit of a deluded Knight of Columbus, who apart from his religious bigotry and prejudice, was not a bad sort of fellow. On another occasion a guard was heard to remark "There goes that——Gordon, the Ku Kluxer and Orangeman. Now if I were in his place and he had my job I know he would not treat me half as well as we treat that S———". This shows that Rome is always willing to go as far as she dares, and even much farther when Protestant eyes are asleep. Every time Rome prohibits, she creates additional opposition, and affords that much more food for thought.

In the matter of receiving visitors, every little petty inconvenience, to which my visiting friends could be put; every difficulty arising out of "Stringent Jail Regulations" showed how some of these officials were indeed in a very malicious frame of mind. Many were turned back at the gate on some excuse of "You must have a permit," or "You are too late," etc., etc. My wife was subjected to the most brutal and disgusting experiences possible under the circumstances. There are several hounds kept in the Prison. These are always tied up or allowed to roam in the Back yard. On two occasions they were let loose to roam in the front just about time my wife was expected to arrive with my two little children. As soon as they entered the gate these animals made a bound for them. My family were terror-stricken until some one came to their assistance. A few days previously one of these animals partly bit the lip off a prisoner. My wife complained to the Superintendent about this outrage. All she got was an insult, and abuse, and a curt reply that she and the children could stay away from the Jail, as "they did not want them anyway. "What noble ends are served by these tactics?" I ask you of the Knights of Columbus Faith; you who say your order is "dedicated" to charity, peace, and good will? Don't the actions of your "Brethren" in the County Jail give the lie to your hypocritical representations at my trial, and expose your cunning Jesuitical tricks? How is your cause helped by letting dogs loose on a helpless woman and her children? What interests of yours have been advanced by putting me in jail, and leaving a wife and four children, helpless and penniless? What I have found you to be speaks so loudly, I cannot hear all the nice things you say about yourselves!

## THE BOOTLEGGER

There are two classes of prisoners in the jails in San Francisco. These two are segregated. One is called the "Winos" and the other the Hyps," Any man who uses or traffics in "Dope" is classified Hypo and kept in a separate wing of the Jail. The "Winos," includes all others, whether they use liquor or not. I was in the latter class Public Lecture Halls against me, but they cannot close my mouth—unless they use "the steel of their poinard or the poisonous cup." They may destroy the records of Truth, they may kill the champions of Truth, they may burn all the Bibles in existence; but they cannot destroy Truth itself, any more than the Lord could be kept interred in Joseph's tomb. There is a triumphal Easter Morn for every worthy Cause. That is why the principle of Protestantism, the idea that Freemasonry, Orangeism, and the Ku Klux Klan stand for, cannot be destroyed, cannot perish, cannot fail, unless God Himself is capable of annihilation. Courage, then, you who read this, to fight on until the Eagle of victory is perched aloft the Spotless Banner of a triumphant Protestantism.

Here I had a splendid chance to see the "Bootlegger on a Vacation." To many of them it was a vacation. It was a vacation for the Big Bootlegger, for he seemed to get special treatment. He generally happened to get an easy job, and had special food and treatment none of the rest of us got. For example the wealthy young clubman, and millionaire's son, Eddy O'Hern, was convicted under the Prohibition Act and was sent to "Jail for 90 days. But was he in jail? We saw very little of him. I never saw him assigned to a cell, for he was assigned a special room with bath and toilet. He never ate with us, and he spent very little of his time inside the walls of that jail. These facts I know. Why are these enemies of the 18th Amendment so popular, and treated so well when they come to jail? Why is it that political influence and money can forge for you a pathway through the County Jail and out again? What influences are at work that makes Sheriff Finn so popular with all these Bootlegging Prisoners and hundreds of others? Why do they all work so hard for him when Election time comes around? This is a new aspect of affairs when we find supposed guardians of the Law so popular with the enemies of the Law; and who go to jail to enjoy themselves, not to be punished.

## THE NARCOTIC TRAFFIC

The evil of Narcotics cannot be over emphasized, for it is indeed a growing problem in the country. What is true of San Francisco is true of every large city in the land in respect to this problem. A visit to the jails, and a glimpse at a hundred men, who are victims, is an object lesson one can never forget. The wasted frame, the sunken eyes, the Bankrupt manhood, and the criminal records of its victims tell eloquently but pathetically what the "Dope" Habit can do. For it makes criminals out of men and women who were honored in Society. The "dope" fiend, in his desperation to satisfy his cravings, will stop at nothing, not even murder. When they are released from Prison they make straight for the Dealer in Narcotics. If they have no money, they get it, and many have been known to go the limit of murder to get the money necessary; for the narcotic habit is an expensive one. I have watched these men closely. I have noticed their habits, and their very selfish ways. I have heard their stories of the "guys" they had bumped "off" or the daring robberies they had committed after taking a "good shot of dope." I learned that all these daring hold-ups, these day-light Bank Robberies are mostly "pulled off" by These Prisoners get Dope even when in Jail. It is professional criminals, and human dregs of the lowest type, who are drug addicts.

smuggled into them. It came in various disguises, so far as I could learn. It may come in food packages. Visitors smuggle it, or it comes in the midst of a large piece of partly chewed chewing gum, stuck up under the bottom of a wagon, unknown perhaps to everyone but the sender and the parties who would expect its arrival.

I knew the days the prisoners got the "Hop" for that night they would show an unusual amount of hilarity and a marked desire not to sleep. The tragic circumstance is that nothing of worth while is being done for these men. There is no studied intelligent effort made to help them. The Sheriff's system and the Police system of San Francisco are antiquated. It is too political, and too much the system of fifty years ago. Enforcement of the Law, Guardianship of the Law and management of our Jails should be in the hands of men who are efficient, intelligent and trained as experts in their chosen fields. When I mention that some of the Deputy Sheriffs of San Francisco are wholly illiterate, and can neither read nor

write in any language, the condition of affairs shows a pathetic aspect. To give such men as these nearly two hundred dollars a month, Board and Room, when there are thousands of men of ability to be had for less money, is an indication of San Francisco's rotten political administration.

### THE PRISONERS' PROCESSION

Prisoners come and go in San Francisco, but some seem to come and go forever. There is a percentage that always comes back. They serve their time, go out again to engage in the same Criminal Acts, and to be again caught, and once more imprisoned. Then there are others who seem to be perpetual vagrants. They are the men who stop you on Market St., for 10c for a cup of coffee, as they had "nothing to eat since yesterday morning." When business is bad with them, or the weather is too severe, they wait on Howard St., or Mission at a certain time some night to be scooped in by the Police Drag-net that "scoops upeverything good, bad and indifferent. I have heard these "10c beggars" laugh and boast of the way they could put their schemes over and how many dollars they could get in a couple of hours.

Vagrancy seems to be the popular charge on which San Francisco's Police Magistrates convict, and Ingleside County Jail is the Popular Resort or Resting Place for thousands of the underworld. They like it. They don't mind going there, for they are sure of plenty to eat, and it is easier than working. These men ought to be made to work, and work hard, in jail, so that they would find life outside the jail more attractive than inside.

Discipline too should be rigid and severe. Instead of that the officials are lax and indifferent. No one seems to care. The important thing is to keep the jail filled up. That justifies employment of officials, purchase of supplies, and drawing of appropriations from the City Treasury at so much per head.

### THE CHURCH IN PRISON.

Religious services are held regularly in the jail—by the Roman Catholic Priest. No other church is represented. At my request a friend called on the officers of the Salvation Army to suggest to them that they should hold meetings there. They came twice in my time and all enjoyed the meetings.

But the Priest comes regularly, and it would seem as if attendance at Mass was compulsory for all. I have seen the guard go around and force every man to go to Mass or get locked up in his cell. No one however asked me to go. The only occasion on which I went was Christmas morning. Every man, I think, went that day. I was sorry afterwards for having gone. The "Christmas Text of the Priest was "Thou Art Peter and upon this Rock I build my Church.' His whole discourse was a sweeping denunciation of all sects, a tirade on the moral character of Luther, and Henry VIII. and bold assertions, one after the other, that there was but one, and one only, "True Church." I came away from there disgusted, as did most of the prisoners, who had gone to a Christmas Service to listen to another declaration of War from a wild Papal Priest, who had neither good sense nor a good education.

There are many other aspects of this situation that I do not choose to deal with at present, but which I will deal with when the proper time comes. I may say many petty discriminations were shown. For example I asked the privilege of being allowed to have certain Text Books sent me by a friend. It was refused, although a number of others were allowed like privileges. But if Rome would not let me read what I wanted, I could think.

I went into jail with my eyes and my ears open. I came away from there with a "rounded-off" education. I learned more of San Francisco in that period in jail than I did from several years experience outside. I heard men sit and plan new Burglaries, discuss improved methods of the Bootlegging business, how to make "gas" cheap and "put it over," I know personally the Botleggers in San Francisco who cater to some of the Judiciary and other select patrons. I heard Eddy Rainey discussed and his powers as a political boss in San Francisco—boss of Finn, boss of Judges, and Agent-at-large of deeply entrenched interests. I heard Father Stark discussed as the best man to get if a pardon or parole was wanted. All the prisoners spoke most highly of Sheriff Finn, Dist. Attorney Brady, Eddy Rainey, Father Stark, and "Superior" Judge Roche. Now, all these men should feel highly honored when hundreds of prisoners representing the elite of the underworld of San Francisco, engaged in numerous enterprising "pursuits" speak in eloquent tribute and would gladly sign their names to glowing tes-

timonials on behalf of these officials. I thought much of that. I thought of my wife at home struggling to keep things going. I thought of my five years' fight in San Francisco against political privilege and entrenched Romanism. I thought of the noble patriots who stood with me to the finish. I thought of the deeply laid plans of my enemies to get me where I then was. I thought of the "Protestant" politicians who left me alone in return for soft jobs, comfort, and ease, and I said to myself: "Thank God, I am in Prison for the Faith, not a politician in chains."

### HISTORY OF THE 4TH DEGREE OATH

To know the character, and to understand the program of an organization it is necessary sometimes to go back to the sources of motive and analyse the generalship that would most likely be concerned with the movement and its purposes of accomplishment. This method is practically applicable in studying the case of Papal Organizations.

In every country where Romanism is in the minority she seeks to be popular and respectable. Her emissaries, both lay and clerical, seek identification with organizations and committees that are concerned in worthy and prominent humanitarian and social betterment movements. Such identification gives semblance of respectability, and serves as a good advertising medium for Papal Leaders and Societies. It also serves in a very subtle manner to disarm Protestant suspicion as to the real character and purposes of the Papacy, and deludes many unsuspecting Protestants to believe that the Roman Catholic Church "has many worthy features," and her people are "co-operating in many worthy movements." Hence the growing belief that the Church of Rome is no longer a menace, but a useful body of Christians, who are trying to do a worthy work. Leading Educators, Newspaper Editors, Social Leaders, Statesmen and politicians have right along been trapped by this clever Jesuitical Propaganda.

By this means Rome procured her opportunity and has made systematic and partially successful efforts to re-entrench herself. The results are evident today not only in the United States, but also in Canada, Australia, Scotland, England, Germany, and Denmark. Even an effort, not entirely unsuccessful, has been made in Sweden and

Norway. In a word Rome's Program is to undo the work of the Protestant Reformation.

## CHAPTER IV.

### THE BEGINNING OF THE MOVEMENT

This subtle movement was launched long ago. It was launched the moment Loyola conceived in his fertile brain the idea of the "Society of Jesus"—the Jesuit Order. This "Society" took the name of "Jesus" as a decoy, and the methods of Hell as a program. Wherever it has worked it has been a curse. Even Popes came under its baneful control, and in such instances where there was conflict of authority with ruling Popes, the Jesuits were denounced and forbidden. But they were really never put out of existence. The Jesuit always came back. He never seemed to lose out and where everything else failed him, there were the good and final alternatives of the "poisonous cup and the strangulation cord." More than one Pope found out that fact. The organization has therefore been well named the "Engineer Corps of Hell." No man can read the history of the slimy, bloody trail of Jesuitism without approving such appellation. It is to-day, what it has been for centuries, the strong right arm, the eye, the ear and the tongue of the Church of Rome. When it wished to be silent some one else spoke for it; when it wished to strike some one else gave the fatal blow. Perhaps a King, a Soldier, a Legislator, an Educator, or an usurper, or a Pretender to a throne, were the instruments of its subtle schemes. It fostered wars between nations, dissensions within kingdoms, and rivalry between kings. The world was, and is, its Chess-Board, and every Ruler and Leader a Pawn to be used in the enactment of the Jesuit's scheme of world re-conquest. And Jesuitism is determined to fight on until the work of the Protestant Reformation is undone, and Rome is again seated on a throne of world-dominion. That is the final goal. It matters not how long it takes, or what injustice is done, what peoples or nations are ruined, what worthy movement is set aside. Jesuitism has its goal. It is desperately in earnest, and will do anything, and stop at nothing, to bring this about. That is why "The End justifies the means." The final objective is worthy. Falsehood, perjury, bribery, deceit and murder are virtuous acts when used in such a worthy manner. Such are the ethics "of Jesuitism" and in case some doubt we will quote officially:—

Tamburine, the Jesuit General said: "See Sir, from this Charter I govern not only to Paris, but to China, not only to China, but to all the world, without any one to know how I do it." La Chalotars, Manual of the Constitution of the Jesuits:—"It is honorable to form a duty of espionage between religious people and accustom them to lie to tender hearts."

Jesuits Montlarc Manual Page 60:—"It is for this the Society of Jesuits has the power to hide the Sun, and make men blind and deaf to its caprice."

Requiet, Member of Parliament of Toulouse—The Jesuit General is the true Pope of the Company of Jesus, and their plan is to destroy all authority, all government, having concentrated all in its society. This ambitious Company is a nation, a power apart germinating in the loins of all others, surmounting their ruins."

Emmanuel Sa Jesuit:—"Whatever man of the people have not to have other remedy, who tyrannically usurps power, we can kill him; he is a public enemy. It is lawful for any man to assassinate a tyrant."

### CONSIDER THESE "REGULATIONS"

"A damsel and an honest woman can sell their honor as dear as they estimate it."

Jesuit Tamburni, Easy Confession. Book 8, Chap.5.

God prohibits robbery when it is considered as evil, and not when it is reputed as good."—Casnedi; Jesuit in Theological Justice p. 278. "It is lawful for a Servant to rob her master for compensation, but with the condition that she does not leave herself to be surprised with her hands in the dough."—Del Confessor p. 137.

"A man can rob from all debtors if he suspects they do not desire to pay."—Treatise of the Incomaton Bk. 1, p. 408.

### HERE IS A TIP "FOR THE BOOTLEGGER"

"If a man cannot sell his wine at just value, he can diminish the measures and divide equally with water, drawing off directly as pure wine."

F. Tollett, Jesuit, "The Seven Mortal Sins, page 102: "When we see a thief resolved to rob a poor man, we can dissuade him, and designate some rich person to be robbed in place of the other."

"Jesus Christ can say to us, "Come and surround me, ye blessed, for ye can lie and blaspheme, believing that

these were my orders that ye should lie and blaspheme." J. Carnedi, Jesuit.

### HERE IS ANOTHER MORAL STANDARD:—

"He is not drunk who can distinguish a scarecrow from a load of hay"—Jesuit Busenbaum.

"It is permitted to swear without the intention of fulfilling, if you have good reasons to follow that method."—Jesuit Cardenas, "Crisis Theologica." "If you believe that you are commanded to lie, then lie."—Jesuit Basnedi, Juicio Theologica" p. 278. "The Rebellion of a Priest against the King is not a crime of les majeste, for a Priest is not the subject of a monarch."—Jesuit Emmanuel Sa.

Some time ago a leading Jesuit, lecturing in San Francisco, said that the reason why "the Protestant Reformation took such a great hold in Northern and Western Europe was because there were no Knights of Columbus in those days." What do we infer from such an admission? Does it mean that the K. C.'s are dedicated to the task of helping undo the work of the Protestant Reformation and make America Roman Catholic? Such is the admission from a Jesuit's lips, and such is the challenge thrown down to every true Protestant. Here then is the challenge to our own people to join the ranks of militant Protestantism take their place in our firing lines and grimly resolve, "They shall not pass."

### LIKE MASTER, LIKE MAN."

The spirit of the Jesuit is manifest in his teachings. If we want further proof, we can turn to the trail of the Jesuit throughout history. We've but to turn to the pages of history. The "tale of ruin wrought" in France, Italy, England and other parts of Europe, are a sad commentary on an organization claiming the tenets of the Christian Faith. The rebellion of sections of the Roman Catholic people in Europe from time to time against Jesuit intrigue and tyranny is too well known to be gainsaid. Theirs has been the master-hand in shaping diabolical national schemes, in planting seeds of rebellion, in giving momentum to international unrest, and causing nations to fly at one another's throats. It is the real force within the Church of Rome that gives shape to her policies, scope to her activities, and success to her selfish designs. Without Jesuitism Romanism would have long since lost all of her temporal power, and most of her spiritual domain.

Romanism condemns all progressive Protestant

movements as "bigoted and intolerant," yet Jesuitism is bigotry and intolerance with a vengeance and a sting. In America Romanism condemns the Ku Klux Klan as a hooded, cowardly, and un-American organization, jeered by her as an "Invisible Government." Yet Jesuitism is a Government within a Government, itself a secret invisible Sovereignty, recognizing no authority, and masking itself in various forms according to the necessity of its ends. It speaks in one place thru the ultra-radical, in another thru the ultra-conservative. It is all things to all men. To-day, it poses as an Angel of Light, to-morrow it is a demon of Hell. No place is too holy, to be immune from its workings; no work is too "dirty" to be outside its pale of operations. No man is so high in authority that he is beyond its reach, no person so low whom they will not use if there be necessity.

Such is Jesuitism, the arch-enemy of international power, the planter of strife, the foe of progress, and the worst enemy that children of light, love and peace, have ever known. More than one Pope, more than one King have known the meaning of the poisonous cup or the strangulating cord. The most secret, the most powerful the most unprincipled organization, the world has ever known—such is Jesuitism, and such is the organization that has given birth to numerous societies within the church, the better to aid its schemes.

The Molly Maguires, the Hibernians, the Clan-na-Gael the Fenians and Knights of Columbus are organizations born of its cunning and organized to do the Church's work.

### BY THEIR DEEDS WE KNOW THEM.

Whatever professions of love, loyalty and service Jesuits and K. C.'s may make, whatever denials they may make as to teachings and "obligations" the fact remains "by their fruits we know them." And even if the K. C.'s do not now take a diabolical Oath we know just the same what they are. Rome has no claim on America. There is no place on American soil for a foreign Institution, whose membership pledges their interests, allegiances and money to a Papal Monarchy on the Tiber. Every Cardinal on American soil is a foreign Prince of the Church, not primarily an American citizen. He resides on American soil by special dispensation of the Pope. He is a citizen of Rome, and then "loaned or transferred" by

Papal dispensation to some Arch-diocese or District abroad. In proof of this, let us cite the following statement made in a sermon by Cardinal Daugherty, April 23rd, 1921:—

"By his investiture with the sacred people he becomes incorporated into the clergy of the City of Rome, as if he had been born and bred a Roman; and he is made Rector of a Church in the Eternal City. A special dispensation of the Pope is needed in order that he may dwell elsewhere, or hold an office in compatible with his residence in Rome."

Every Cardinal, Archbishop and Bishop are in their respective spheres of authority ambassadors or District representatives of the Alien Pope, owe him, a primary unconditional allegiance, and must journey to Rome at regular or stated intervals to give a report of their work, in accordance with their Oath of Allegiance taken **at the** time of their investiture.

### THE K. C.'S

Thirty years ago these Knights of the Pope were organized on American soil. Jesuits were prime movers and supporters of the new Society. The members of the organization were to become the lay champions of the Church, pledged to unceasing devotion to the church and her cause. It was a clever scheme. Freemasonry and other fraternal organizations founded on pure Protestant principles and influential in many honorable spheres of humanitarian enterprise, revealed to the church, the need of a fraternal organization to combat such "heretical activities." Prior to this the Popes had condemned all fraternal secret societies as ungodly and dangerous. But when the Church saw the need, her leaders were quick to change. Hence the K. C.'s came. They strutted over our country as if they were the Pillars of Americanism.

There must have been some strong and secret powerful influence behind this new militant organization of the Church in America, because they worked with a cunning skill and intelligent objective not usually found in the average Roman Catholic layman. Wherever an opportunity opened up they have always been quick to grasp it, and have been more than unusually successful in the accomplishment of their schemes. To-day there are 800,000 in America, and one would think to hear them boast and yell that they were twenty million strong.

Forty or fifty years ago when Roman Catholics came from Ireland they used to keep quiet about their religion and even tried to obscure the origin of their names and connections by some modification of the same. Today they are bolder. What Jesuit has taught them the Art of Success? They even assert they are proud of their Irish names, and some spell in Gaelic. They boast their K. C. membership and their holy Faith. Although only removed a couple of generations from the bogs and famines of Ireland they assert brazenly they are the real Americans. America belongs to them by right of discovery, progress, settlement and development, and bedad and be-gorras they're agoin' to hould it any way. We must commend them for their enterprise, their self-confidence, and daring schemes to capture and control the great American nation, but we know of no law that would prevent us Protestant Americans opposing their schemes, and adopting suitable plans to safeguard our ancestral inheritance, and keep America in line with the Spirit of her Constitution, and the ideals of her free Anglo Saxon-born Democratic Institutions.

From the foregoing, we can well imagine the background of Knights of Columbianism. The members in their individual and collective capacity are obligated lay brethren dedicated primarily to the Cause of the Church. As we understand it, no K. C. Council can be organized without the authority and presence of a Priest, mostly Jesuit Priests. From the very nature of its inception a K. C. Council is therefore safety-pinned to the robes and petticoats of a Papal Priest. The obligation which they claim they now take as the 4th Degree members, and which they submitted as evidence in my trial brands them in my opinion as an un-American organization, possessed of nothing distinctively American unless it be the millions of Protestant Dollars they received and only partially spent during the world war.

## CHAPTER V.

In the Elections Campaign of 1912, there was a political contest in the 5th Congressional District of the State of Pennsylvania. It was a very bitter and heated contest for a number of reasons:—

First:—It was the political period when Theodore Roosevelt was leading the "progressive" and reactionary groups in the Republican party.

Second:—Animosity was aroused over successful efforts in "writing in" on the Ballots political tickets such as "Bull Moose" and "Roosevelt Progressive." This, it was charged afterwards, was done "to deceive, mislead, and fraudulently secure votes.

Third:—The Candidates for Congressional Honors in the aforesaid Congressional District consisted of two, namely, Thos. S. Butler and Eugene S. Bonniwell, the former a Republican and a Quaker, the latter a Democrat and Knight of Columbus.

Fourth:—Popular use was made of local newspapers, political pamphlets, and fraternal organizations in carrying on an aggressive political campaign. The result was staggering defeat for the Democrat and Knight of Columbus, Bonniwell. Evidently he felt that defeat keenly for this was one of the political strongholds in which the Papacy and all its militant organizations had concentrated their forces in order to secure the election of one of themselves from the great Protestant and Keystone State renowned by Benjamin Franklin, the Free-mason, and William Penn, the Quaker. Bonniwell under the privileges of the "Contested Elections Act," filed charges in the House, which involved Thos. S. Butler. These charges accused Butler and his aides of improper and fraudulent conduct in "forging, misleading, and deceiving the voters, and circulating, or causing to be circulated, or permitting to be circulated, a certain "spurious and injurious document purporting to be the Oath of the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus, of which Mr. Bonniwell claimed to be a member.

Whether or not he was a member, we do not know. But if he never took that Oath, we do not blame him for getting furious over it, for it is a most blasphemous and

bloody document, and worthy of the Jesuit that must once have written it, for no Protestant could ever stoop so low, or be so resourceful in the popular phraseology and vile moral theology of a Liguori, as to fabricate such obligations, penalties, and murderous program. The brain that conceived it was biased by a knowledge of the Papal accumulated hate of centuries; the heart that beat to its utterances as they took form on the paper was the heart of a foul demon and murderer; the pen that wrote it was dipped in intense vitriolic hatred of all things Protestant; and the man that wrote it must have been one of Rome's super-intellectuals who had attained mental cunning at the great sacrifice of all moral virtues. It is the work of a murderous heart, a super-bigot, a human monster, and most narrow-minded, and devoted child of "the only true Faith." The "bad" Popes were not half so wicked; the "good" ones not half so fanatic; the Monks not nearly so zealous, nor the Priests of the Dark Ages not nearly so dogmatic, exacting, or corrupt. In comparison with this author, Nero is entitled to wear wings and fly with Mary every Saturday morning to redeem souls from Purgatory. No genius of hate ever produced by the Fenians or the Ancient Order of Hibernians, or Sinn Fein; no wholesale executioner ever known to the Spanish Inquisition, or in connection with the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, could half equal the "executioner" of this now famous document. In brief, this oath embodies all the malice, hatred, intolerance, vengeance, and murderous spirit of the Inquisition, the Massacre, the Fire, Thumb-screw Rack, and Sinn Fein combined. If we believe the Oath is false, just briefly glance at the record of Rome's persecutions throughout the Protestant centuries. If we are still in doubt and think the Papacy has changed with the changing Centuries, we have only to remind you of the Fenians and Hibernians in Pennsylvania less than fifty years ago; of the legal execution of Professor Ferrer in Spain in 1908; and still more recently of the Sinn Feiners in Ireland during the World War who murdered hundreds of Protestant loyalists and insulted and beat nearly to death young men of the American Navy in 1917 while doing duty in Irish Waters under the gallant and able Command of Admiral Sims. (For confirmation read his official report, available in Washington, D. C.) And if doubt should still possess you, and I must lead you as Thomas was led of old, then I would take you face to face

with men whom I have faced, in prison, on Rostrum, and elsewhere, and show you the "children of the Holy Church" with pent up hatred in every look, malice and a murderous spirit in almost every utterance. I know for I have encountered them, both in Ireland and in America. I have met their scorn. I have been the object of their hatred. I have received their blows. I have been the victim of their ignoble and devilish schemes.. I belong to a family that was once the victim of their boycotting program, a system under which the grocer, the butcher, or any other merchant is forbidden to furnish you supplies. Your hired servants are forced to leave you; even your horses the blacksmith will not shoe. The pools from which your cattle drink are poisoned; the produce raised on your farm no man dare purchase. Tell me I do not know how false this Oath is and I reply you are a fool! Who, how, or when, this Oath was taken, is beside the Question, for I have encountered thousands of the schemers who live it, and their dark deeds beyond the seas, as well as in America, corroborate my every utterance.

### THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Committee of the House which investigated E. C. Bonniwell's charges found that while there were undoubtedly irregularities in the Election, Mr. Butler, the successful Candidate, was in no way to blame. Nor did it appear that any of his authorized agents were at fault. That Committee also deplored the circulation of this 4th Degree Oath, and exonerated Mr. Butler from all blame. That Committee furthermore expressed an opinion as to its spuriousness. Why, we do not know. But the fact remains that that Congressional Committee met to rule on the question of a Representative's right to sit as a member of the House and investigate charges of Election Irregularities. It had no evidence before it in any tangible form in connection with the Oath. It was not competent to deal with the question of its validity. In any case it was altogether beyond the scope of this Investigation and the jurisdiction of this committee.

This 4th Degree Oath got into the Congressional Record because it was embodied in the evidence and charges of E. C. Bonniwell against Thos. Butler. It is now a part of the Congressional Record; and as such, publishers should be allowed to copy from such a privi-

leged public journal any matters their readers may be interested in, without being held for libel, simply because some members of the Papal Faith claim it reflects upon them. Such a precedent would jeopardise our free Institutions and hold all public officials and organizations immune from criticism or opposition.

Any organization that cannot stand severe criticism, that must resort to the courts for "cover" and "protection" and to the newspapers to suppress news, is an organization alien to these United States where a citizen has the right even to criticize and propose Amendments to the form of Government and Institutions under which he lives. Surely we ought not to tolerate transmigration of the Souls of the Inquisition to America, to strut over the land and in the person of an Irishman or an Italian!

The foregoing is a fair and brief account of how this Oath got into the Record. But the history of the Oath goes back farther than that, by several years. Rumor has it that it was obtained surreptitiously by some person who had access to Roman Catholic fraternal records. Whether this means that some person got it directly from secret records, whether it was betrayed to him, or whether he is supposed to have taken all the degrees, we cannot say. The fact remains it was obtained and published by the Menace Newspaper and subsequently by other Publications in almost every part of the English-speaking world, as the alleged Oath of Knights of Columbus 4th Degree.

## CHAPTER VI.

### WHY DID WE PUBLISH IT?

Because we thought we had a right to do so. Because we believed the spirit and the letter of the American Constitution guaranteed Freedom of the Press. Were we actuated by malice? No. For we believe it is a well recognized principle of Protestantism that fairness and justice be shown to every man, irrespective of racial, national, or religious affiliations. The writer bears no ill will towards any individual Roman Catholic, or Knight of Columbus. Even after serving a six months' sentence. I can still look them in the face with love, fairness, and fearlessness, and forgive them for their foolish, wicked conspiracy. I can still say "I love you all. I fear you not." You have a right to defend your Faith, practise your religion,

and expose the errors of those who differ from you. We all claim that right. But if the Knights of Columbus or other Roman Catholics mean that by the practise of their religion, they include invasion of American politics, American Institutions, muzzling of the Press, control of our Public School Histories, then we rebel, and with all the manhood that is in us say: "Thus far shall thou come, Rome, but no farther." Catholics can have all the religion they want to practise; but the moment they show signs of being aggressive, religious bigots first, and Americans afterwards, then we object, we fight, we protest, for such is our inalienable right.

### THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

We published this Oath largely on provocation of the Knights of Columbus themselves:—

A few years ago there was a Senate Investigation in Washington, into the alleged unlawful activities and secret workings of the Ku Klux Klan. That organization comprised entirely of native-born white Protestant Americans was charged with serious unlawful acts. The charges were made and supported by the Catholics, some K. C.'s and a couple of Jews. Senate was asked to investigate, prosecute and condemn. The faked evidence was piling up very nicely at Washington, Senators with an eye on the Papal vote were working over time to help the K. C.'s put some thing over on the Klan, newspapers were just front-paging the "awful disclosures," and every indication seemed to show that the "Klan really was a very wicked Institution." Even the Klan Oath was put in as evidence against this "secret, hooded un-American Order." One day however a Senator proposed that all the fraternal orders in America be investigated—Records, Rituals, Oaths, Workings, and everything else. The effect of this proposal was electrical. The bottom seemed to fall out of the whole Klan Investigation. It stopped right there, and so quickly did the Caseys leave Washington no one could see them for the dust. Thus ended the K. C. investigation of the Klan. Now as a result of this enquiry I published two alleged Oaths. One was the Ku Klux Klan Oath, the alleged un-American Oath, which I copied from one of Hearst's infallible Dailieh. The other was the famous 4th Degree Oath, purporting to be taken by the Knights of Columbus. I published them to-

gether and asked my readers to judge for themselves. I published in brief the date, volume, and page and also circumstances in connection with the fact of this bloody oath being in the Pages of the Record. What more could I have done unless it be that I should have first obtained the permission of the Apostolic Delegate or of one Mr. O'Flaherty, a Supreme Officer of this Order.

In the same issue of the Crusader I wrote two pages in the form of "An Open Letter" to one Mr. Burke, the Grand Master of the California Grand Lodge of Freemasons. This letter was largely explanatory and partly an analysis of the arguments pro and con in connection with this Oath. Over 80,000 copies of that edition of the Crusader were circulated. Many thousands of people never really knew the real merit and openness of the Ku-Klux Klan until they read that Oath, and saw it published along side this Italian product which Bonniwell and his brethren say they never took. The result of this was my arrest on a charge of Criminal Libel. The information or Complaint was laid by David Supple, a Real Estate Agent, located 100 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. He swore I libelled him, although I had never heard of him never saw him, or had knowledge of him in any way, prior to this action. How I could have libelled such a man is beyond my comprehension. But he insisted, and actually went into the witness stand with a wild and furious look which seemed to say, "Well if this Oath is not true it ought to be."

## CHAPTER VII.

### "FATHER BLACK OR FATHER BURKE" WHICH?

#### THE WHITE-WASH COMMITTEE"

Before passing on to review the evidence at my trial, I propose devoting some space to a discussion of the so-called Masonic Committee that claimed to have investigated the Rituals and obligations of the Knights of Columbus, and found all these to be "the ceremonial of an order that teaches a high and noble patriotism . . . love of country . . . reverence for law and order" etc. It is the first time we ever heard or read from so-called Protest-

ant Authority that the Church of Rome or any of its organizations taught Patriotism, love of country, reverence for law and order. At least if they do we have never seen it exemplified outside of their own doors.

Here is the report in Full:—

## **SO-CALLED MASONIC "INVESTIGATION!!!"**

### **SAYS THE "MASON" TO THE "K. C."**

Hon. Paul J. McCormick:

Court House, Los Angeles.

My Dear Judge: I take pleasure in handing you herewith the findings of the committee of Free Masons to whom you exhibited the ceremonials and pledges of the Order of Knights of Columbus.

I am very glad that I have been able, in a measure, to secure this refutation of a slanderous lie which has been widely circulated and which has been disseminated in many cases by wellmeaning, credulous, and deluded persons.

I shall see to it that this report has wide circulation among Masons, and you may use it in any way you deem best to bring about an understanding of the truth among men who, above all controversies and contentions, desire to know and to follow that which is right and true.

Yours Cordially,

W. H. HERVEY.

October 9, 1914.

(Judge McCormick is a prominent K. of C.)

### **REPORT OF THE MASONIC COMMITTEE.**

We hereby certify that by authority of the highest officer of the Knights of Columbus in the State of California, who acted under instructions from the supreme officer of the order in the United States, we were furnished a complete copy of all the work, ceremonies, and pledges used by the order and that we carefully, read, discussed, and examined the same. We found that while the order is in a sense a secret association, it is not an oath bound organization, and that its ceremonies are comprised in four degrees, which are intended to teach and inculcate principles that lie at the foundation of every great religion and every free State. Our examination of these ceremonials and obligations was made primarily for

the purpose of ascertaining whether or not a certain alleged oath of the Knights of Columbus, which has been printed and widely circulated, was in fact used by the order, and whether if it was not used, any oath, obligation, or pledge was used which was or would be offensive to Protestants or Masons, or those who are engaged in circulating a document of peculiar viciousness and wickedness. We find that neither the alleged oath nor any oath or pledge bearing the remotest resemblance thereto in matter, manner, spirit, or purpose is used or forms a part of the ceremonies of any degree of the Knights of Columbus. The alleged oath is scurrilous, wicked, and libelous, and must be the invention of an impious and venomous mind. We find that the order of Knights of Columbus, as shown by its rituals, is dedicated to the Catholic religion, charity, and patriotism. There is no propaganda proposed or taught against Protestants or Masons or persons not of Catholic faith. Indeed, Protestants and Masons are not referred to directly or indirectly in the ceremonials and pledges. The ceremonial of the order teaches a high and noble patriotism, instills a love of country, inculcates a reverence for law and order, urges the conscientious and unselfish performance of civic duty, and holds up the Constitution of our country as the richest and most precious possession of a knight of the order. We found nothing in the entire ceremonials of the order that to our minds could be objected to by any person.

MOTLEY HEWES FLINT,

Thirty-third Degree Past Grand Master of Masons of California.

DANA REID WELLER,

Thirty-third Degree Past Grand Master of Masons of California.

WM. RHODES HERVEY,

Thirty-third Degree Past Master and Master of Scottish Rite Lodge.

SAMUEL E. BURKE,

Thirty-second Degree Past Master and Inspector of Masonic District.

In addition to the forgoing, the following is a report from the July 1922 Issue of the Crusader, and constitutes our reply to the Grand Master Burke for his unwarranted denunciation of the Ku Klux Klan:—

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## AN OPEN LETTER

### REPRINT FROM "CRUSADER" JULY 1922

To Dr. Samuel E. Burke,  
Grand Master,  
Masonic Grand Lodge of California.

Dear Sir:

Scattered broadcast and on the front pages of leading dailies a letter has appeared over your signature as Grand Master of the Masonic order in California wherein you denounce the principles and practices of an organization known as the Ku Klux Klan. Included in this Masonic epistle are the following comments:

"The practical operations of the Ku Klux Klan do not coincide with the principles and ideals upon which our Government was founded, nor upon the principles and ideals of Freemasonry. It is un-American and un-Masonic. It is a society that skulks and strikes in the dark, under the cover of masks. It interferes with the lawful and orderly administration of the processes of our courts.

"The oath of the Ku Klux Klan absolutely subverts everything that Masons are taught as their first and highest duty.

"Masons who are Klansmen must get out of either one or the other."

Where are your proofs for these statements? If these statements are correct you have unanswerable argument; if incorrect and founded upon hearsay, then you have done great wrong to this organization, and seriously injured the prestige and reputation of the Masonic order. But we want to know the facts; we want specific references, definite, well-founded charges, in justification of your Masonic "bull." So far we have not been able to discover any against this "dangerous" organization. May we conclude that your investigations were confined to a perusal of the framed-up stories which appeared in the papal-inspired daily press, or did you act on the instructions or advice of papal-controlled politicians?

In this sweeping condemnation we believe you have

acted hastily. In ordering all Masons within your jurisdiction to get out of the Klan you are speaking directly to 65 per cent of the Klansmen; you are speaking to a great many members of the Masonic Grand Lodge; you are speaking to some of the most respected, most influential and truest Masons in California. You are speaking to men who would cut their own throats rather than belong to any organization that is against American law and order. You have thus censured some of the truest Freemasons and Americans, and condemned a very worthy American organization in like manner as you some months ago black-listed a very worthy Masonic-affiliated secret fraternity. Your condemnation of the Klan has put you on record as being against the greatest, most exclusive and distinctly American organization in the country—the K. K. K. Time will prove the correctness of our statement in this regard, as we believe time will cause you to repent of your Celtic rashness in not keeping your passion for condemnation within due bounds.

On the other hand, if condemnation is your "hobby," and you belong to all the organizations worth while, why have you not acted with similar initiative in other cases and exercised your Grand Master's prerogative in more serious instances? For example, when Freemasons were being driven from their Government positions in San Francisco solely on account of their Masonic connections and Protestant principles; when 5000 public school pupils in San Francisco recently were robbed of good text books and school desks and made to sit on soap boxes while they studied out of obsolete text books because priests had taken unlawful possession of this public school property for their parochial schools; why did you not speak out, Mr. Burke, and let your tongue be heard on the side of Americanism and against the invisible government of Romanism in our midst and for the protection of that great institution which every true Mason believes in, our public school? You may answer that this was a religious and political question and one for the "proper authorities" to deal with. Quite so. But was it not also a straight case of public theft, bare-faced robbery, positively criminal? We might also reply in your own terms and say that opposition to the Ku Klux Klan is entirely a religious and political matter, and if the Klan or any other organization is acting contrary to American principles, law and order, the Government and constituted

authorities of this country ought to be able to handle it without Irish interference or dictation. Indeed, we still think a pronouncement from you on the public school robbery in San Francisco would be quite in order, especially since certain members of the Masonic fraternity were either directly or indirectly "accessories after the fact" in the un-American conspiracy of breaking the law and robbing innocent school children of their American rights.

To cite you another instance: When "Masonic" judges and other "Masonic" public officials, including Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco, were guilty of malfeasance in public office, even to a criminal extent, why were you silent? In as much as they were obeisant when juries were intimidated, when they allowed justice to be tainted at its fountain-head; when they allowed the due processes of law to be subverted to the interests of selfish sectarian and political factions, surely you would have been justified in taking action against these "brethren" for their un-American, un-Masonic conduct. When your State Grand Secretary allowed his name to be used as such in the endorsement of a candidate for public office who was a member of a Roman Catholic organization that holds the laws of this country in contempt, you could have spoken so that the skirts of Freemasonry might be kept clean and clear of politics.

Why, therefore, concern yourself so much with Freemasons who have done "wrong" by entering American "Klandom" and remain indifferent about Freemasons in California who have perjured themselves in their oaths of public office, yea, who have perjured themselves in their Masonic vows by going into Popedom and Devil-dom? And furthermore, since you have assumed the commendable role of a champion of Americanism and Freemasonry, we also demand that you fully play the part of a good Masonic knight, and like King Arthur of old, take up the sword "Excalibur" and stride over California to fight wrong and behead tranny.

If you desire the Freemasons of California to sever themselves from all un-American, un-Masonic associations and connections, why not even begin with members of your own State Grand Lodge who are dangerously cobletowed? Why not begin with Mayor Rolph, the Roman, and discipline or excommunicate him? We are willing to prefer the charges, subpoena the witnesses and

supply all the evidence in such super-abundance that conviction will be a foregone conclusion and expulsion the results. We can furnish evidence in the case of Rolph that will brand him as an abject tool of the most secret, un-Masonic, un-American, un-principled klan that ever operated on American soil.

We admit there may be some fools and a few selfish politicians in the Ku Klux Klan, just as unfortunately some have got into the Masonic fraternity, yet we happen to know that the high Christian character of the bulk of Klan membership guarantees the worth and desirability of the organization. A man has to be a faithful husband, a loyal citizen, and a believer in the United States Constitution, even to the eighteenth amendment, in order to be a Klansman. You must admit that is saying a lot for the merits of the Klan, Dr. Burke. And these men are not there out of idle curiosity, or to carry out dangerous unlawful acts. They are serious-minded citizens, bent on serious American reform.

If you want to know who are for the Klan and who are against it, watch the developments of the next five months, Dr. Burke. Watch the elections and the election issues. If you want to know the reasons for the recent expose of alleged Klan lawlessness you will find it written in the fears of bootleggers, politicians, office holders and the Knights of Columbus Klan. All these realize that the increase of Klan activity and power spells ruin and defeat for them. If you want to know why District Attorney Woolwine is so hot after the Klans, the explanation is found in their knowledge of Woolwine and not his alleged knowledge of the Klan. That also is the reason why District Attorney Brady of San Francisco is trying to get his good work in ahead of time. He is trying to strike a compromise. The Klan knows him! How strange that conscience makes cowards or schemers of us all!

It is unfortunate, Dr. Burke, that you should have made this indiscreet pronouncement against the Klan in the name of Freemasonry. If you had done it individually we could not take exception in the same manner. It would be your privilege. The edict comes in bad form from you at a time when Protestants were beginning to forget your connections with the "Masonic" investigating committee of the fourth degree K. C. oath. You acted on that committee of four, which was heralded as an of-

ficial Masonic committee, yet without any Masonic credentials, authorization, approval, or even Grand Lodge cognizance. You whitewashed the K. C. oath. That oath is on the Congressional records. It is generally accepted as the real oath of a fourth degree K. of C., and even if it were not the true oath the Knights of Columbus live it and are engaged in a war of extermination of Protestants. No man can take such an oath and be a loyal American. The K. C.'s knew that publication of this oath unmasked them and revealed their true character to the world. Hence they tried to correct the effects of such exposure by a good Jesuitable whitewash method—and you helped them in their scheme!

How unsophisticated you were, Dr. Burke! You were asked with three other leading Freemasons, to go into the council and examine what was claimed to be the true oath. Did it not occur to you that the whole thing was a hoax, that it is quite easy to substitute? You claim it is not the oath you took. Did you expect it to be, in view of the fact that the wily K. C.'s wanted the real oath covered up? A captured criminal does not try to incriminate himself. Surely the reason for the camouflage of a "Masonic Investigating Committee" is evident to any school boy. A committee of members of that Masonic fraternity, banned, cursed and hated by the Pope and all K. C.'s was the logical one to carry out this Italian scheme. Do you not know, Dr. Burke, that falsehood and hypocrisy are the two main artifices of the Jesuit order? Such artifices are distinctly mentioned and approved in the "Moral Theology" of Liguori. Exercise of them is not only permissible but "highly virtuous" when used to promote the advancement of the "holy Catholic faith." Yet you agreed to O. K. the oath of an organization pledged to your individual destruction and that of your honorable fraternity. Surely this was presuming on your credulity or your ignorance of facts. How could you prove by your docile submission to the K. C. arrangement that that oath was not the correct one? Such proof was of course beyond you, yet your "findings" assume it, and without tangible evidence. Your whitewash crew went further and reported the ritual ceremonial, etc., of the Knights of Columbus was highly patriotic. What patriotism can there be in an order whose spokesmen insulted a great American, General Miles, when after flaunting threats in his face, he asserted boldly that "the

swords of the fourth degree men must have convinced him that the order was but waiting to cut a path for the pope into the White House?" To this threat now being

So, Dr. Burke, you helped whitewash the K. C. oath without sufficient evidence or reasonable justification, as in like manner and with like evidence and justification you have black-listed the Ku Klux Klan. We fear that in both cases your actions were very much apart from Masonic practice and authority and therefore should not be regarded in any official light. We feel, therefore, that you should correct this mistake, that no stigma or blame may attach to the honorable Masonic fraternity. Unconsciously you have done the pope's work and served the politicians. Thus you have won the approval of every Roman Catholic, but not their friendship. That is reserved for the church, her cause and her followers. Friendship for all others must necessarily be as a feint.

In conclusion, sir, we ask why you did not take the trouble to look into the real nature of this Ku Klux Klan? Do you know that the Klan is American Freemasonry in action? Because of the Klan's activities there are less corrupt officials in public offices, fewer bootlegging joints and more "conscientious" judges. There are scores of towns and cities pretty well free of the bootleggers and red-light districts simply because the Klan went to work when public officials and judges "lay down" on the job. There are thousands of mothers in America today who glory in the purity and safety of their foolish young daughters because the Klan has been vigilant. There are thousands of young men who have given up the cheap dance halls, quit joy-riding, roadside parking and roadside drinking with young women, all because the Klan gave them friendly but wholesome advice. There is a large number of police chiefs and police judges who have gone to work seriously at last because the Klan gave them kind and stern advice and politely informed them that law enforcement was the major part of their duty.

What valid objection can you have to such an active Klan organization; an organization that is founded on the world's two greatest documents, the New Testament and the American Constitution; an organization that believes in the authority of law and order, separation of church and state, better relations between capital and labor, pure womanhood, clean politics and law enforcement, not according to the Klan but according to the

American statute books? What is wrong with the promise of an organization that claims this country was founded by free Protestant colonists of the white race, and that such it must remain? Will you condemn an organization that works solely on such authority; that holds such authority; that holds such an unquestioned American allegiance; that protects the very things without which this country cannot endure, namely our homes, our womanhood, our flag, our Protestant democratic principles and free institutions? If they do, then you must admit Americans have somethings to be proud of. If Americans will not band themselves together and organize to protect this country, who will? Who should?

Yet, Dr. Burke, you uphold this organization of K. C.'s. Only a couple of weeks ago in San Francisco you spoke of these foreign K. C.'s as doing a great patriotic work." In the very next breath you spoke of the Shriners, hoped they would "behave themselves" when in San Francisco, although you said that "of course they are no part of Masonry." How complimentary you are to a band of men who are the very flower of Masonry! And these same men do not need your counsel. They are tried and trusted Masons who know how to square their actions.

May we also ask why you don't put the ban on the Loyal Orange institution, Dr. Burke? Will you please tell us why you "left" the Orangemen and who assisted you in "leaving?" Also will you please explain the reference in your "Masonic" epistle wherein you speak of "our forefathers who founded this country?" This is a real K. C. presumption! You are foreign-born; we ask, therefore what part your forefathers had in "founding this country?" We demand to know what the Burkes, Flahertys and Raffertys did? Tell us quickly, please, before the Knights of Columbus go to press with their American "History." The K. C.'s would give a "cool million dollars" for just that little thing.

Today the scum of Europe rules our country to an undue extent. These undesirables are in control, make and administer our laws through corrupt politicians and judges who hold office by virtue of such ignoble sufferance. Who is to blame for this unhappy state of affairs, Dr. Burke?

Are you, with many intelligent Americans, at fault in this matter? In the past twenty years, for example, how many times have you neglected or failed to exercise

your franchise in local, State and Federal elections? Think about this, if you will; for herein lies a remedy for many of our ills. The Klan believes in this remedy: that every American who can should vote and vote intelligently. The Klan has also a supplementary remedy that is sure to prove helpful and effective.

Furthermore we want you to prove your charge that this Klan society "skulks and strikes in the dark under cover of masks." When, where, pray? These masks are rarely worn. They are not the masks of cowards, but the spotless robes of free Americans, distinctive and traditional of the order, and often worn for honorable self-protection. Throw off your own mask, Dr. Burke, if you please, and tell us, who you are, where you stand and who are your advisors and directors. For whom do you speak? For the whole Grand Lodge in this case, with their cognizance, authority and approval? Or do you speak for some inner clique, or "Masonic hierarchy" in this State, which was recently referred to by a leading Masonic editor in a semi-official Masonic publication? We want no popery, either in governmental, educational or fraternal circles. We want no disguises either. The Klansmen may occasionally mask their heads and bodies, but they never mask their sound American hearts nor disguise their noble principles. No one but the man of guilty conscience need fear the Klansmen's white robe. It is not the Klansman's fault if some people go home and occasionally sleep between the blankets because they have seen visions and dreamt realities. Think these things over, Dr. Burke, and reflect on "whatsoever things are true and lovely and of good report," and let not the rash spirit which your Celtic forbears gave you plunge you again into irreparable wrong or bring discredit on the illustrious Masonic order.

Yours for American Freemasonry,

THE CRUSADER.

### SERVANTS OF THE PAPACY

This so-called "Masonic Investigation" displays the disgusting and humiliating spectacle of a group of men jumping at the crack of a K. C. Whip, and eagerly seizing the opportunity to render service under a Papal Banner. You will note this Committee of "Masons" admits in their own words that they acted under the authority of

the highest officers of the K. C. Order." Not under the authority, mind you, of any Masonic Officer or Grand Lodge! No, But of their own initiative and by K. C. authorized authority. Since when we ask has it become customary for Masonic officials and Committees to take their orders, not from official Masonic Authority, but from Masonic hating papal tyrants and militant Romanists? We submit this Committee was not Masonic in any sense of the word. It was simply a Committee of four men, specially selected for reasons personally known to us that we cannot at present disclose. That they were also members of the Masonic Fraternity must be regarded as incidental, and their use of this Fraternal connection a most unwarranted and high-handed presumption. Of course the real K. C. game was to make it appear that by this Whitewash Report Official Masonry throughout California and the whole country had spoken in defense of the Knights of Columbus. This alleged "Masonic" Report was broadcasted all over the country. Many tons of pamphlets containing it were printed and circulated by the K. C.'s Even Congressman Jim Gallivan, of Massachusetts worked it into a speech on the Floor of the House, the purpose being to get it circulated afterwards at Public Expense. At least half a million copies of this fake worthless report were printed and mailed at the cost of the U. S. But Masons in California did not take this "unwarranted use of official Masonic Connection" very lightly, as may be seen by the following minute of the Grand Lodge afterward.

"Resolved that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that no Mason should, while describing himself as such, or directing attention to his Masonic affiliations, or while using any title of a past or present officer of any Masonic body, indorse, or appear to indorse, any organization, sect or body of men not recognized by this Grand Lodge or indorse, or approve, or condemn, or in any way bear witness for or against, the ritual, or practices, or purposes of any body, sect, or body of men."

The Grand Lodge of California has emphatically disavowed and repudiated any connection with the action of several prominent Masons of that State in their attempt to graft angelic wings on the shoulders of the Roman Catholic order known as the Knights of Columbus and give this body a clean bill of health before the world. Resolutions were passed condemning what is referred to

as unfortunate and ill-advised act of these brethren.

Masons everywhere were chagrined and dumbfounded at the officious audacity of the California brethren. It was granted that as individuals they might set the seals of their approval on the K. C. literature and documents but when they attached Masonic titles to their signatures they committed an act which reflected on the fraternity and which rightfully brought condemnation from the craft everywhere.

The testimony before the special committee to which the matter was referred gave indications of a widespread and intense feeling on the subject throughout the jurisdiction. The committee felt that the action of the four brethren was unfortunate and ill-advised, and that the temper of the Grand Lodge demanded, and the occasion called for an emphatic and unanimous protest against this sort of things. "Not only should this grand body register a vigorous disapproval of what has been done in the present instance in the issuance and publication of the questionable documents complained of," declares the report of the committee, "but it should post a sign of warning, so plain that 'he who runs may read,' in order that there be no similar offense in the future."

And, the Grand Lodge, following the suggestion of the committee, posted its warning, in the above resolution. The erring "Most Worshipfuls" and "Right Worshipfuls" have not yet been heard from. They perhaps are thanking their stars that the Grand Lodge did not severely discipline each of them in addition to resolving against such an assinine proceeding.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

### REJECTED EVIDENCE

In our defense in connection with the K. C. prosecution on the charge of criminal libel preferred against the editor of THE CRUSADER, we wanted to submit the following testimony of Father Black, which was overruled by the court, however. This we desired to submit as part of our justification in showing proper motive and authority for publishing the famous oath. But the K. C.'s succeeded in preventing a man from fully defending himself against an unjust charge.

William Black was born some forty-five years ago. He was born and raised a Roman Catholic. He spent three and one-half years of his life in the priesthood of that church. He quit them, entering the fight against the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

He was in Old Mexico at the time of Diaz's overthrow, aiding in the revolution, during which time he received a dagger thrust.

On the 3rd of February, 1915, about 5:50 p. m., he was assassinated by four Roman Catholic K. of C.'s.

#### **\$25,000 Challenge of the K. of C. Accepted**

I, William Black, understanding that it has been charged by James Cleary, the Knights of Columbus of Perry, Iowa, and others that I am an impostor, that I never was a Catholic, and that I never was a Catholic Priest, and as I further understand that a Catholic banker of Perry has offered to wager \$100 that the above statements are true, I do hereby make the following propositions:

As the State Council of the Knights of Columbus has offered a reward of \$25,000 in five parts for the proof of all or any of five claims, I will, upon deposit of that amount of cash in any Protestant bank in Iowa, prove before a committee appointed as the committee above, as follows:

1. "For proof that arms of any kind, rifles or guns are kept in any church or parochial school, except military school, always open for inspection, \$5,000." This, of course, I will not attempt to prove because of the evasive wording of that offer. The Knights of Columbus are a military organization and so "excepted" from the above, and as they are not open to inspection, they are again "excepted" by the wording of the above offer. Your "except" actually admits that you have arms and ammunition. What are they for?

2. "For proof that there is anything in the Knights of Columbus oath inconsistent with the duties of any American citizen, \$5,000." I will prove that the Knights of Columbus oath was, as late as 1912, inconsistent with the duties of an American citizen; I will not prove what the oath is now, for my evidence does not cover the last two years, and there is a probability that the oath has been changed for this very purpose of bluff.

3. "For proof that the alleged Knights of Columbus

oath circulated during the last two years is true in word or spirit, \$5,000." I will prove that the Knights of Columbus oath was true in word prior to 1912, and is true in spirit at the present time.

4. "For proof that Catholic priests or bishops take oaths inconsistent with loyal and patriotic duty as citizens, \$5,000." "Citizens" here probably means "Catholic citizens," as you signed yourselves in the Advertiser and Chief recently. However, I will prove that bishops and priests have taken oaths in connection with their church inconsistent with loyal and patriotic duty as "citizens of the United States of America."

5. "For proof of the existence in any rites or ceremonies of the church, any oath, affirmation or promise inconsistent with the duties of an American citizen, \$5,000." Again I will prove that prior to 1912 the Jesuit oath and the layman's obligation, as circulated during the last two years, was inconsistent with the duties of American citizens.

I will challenge James Cleary to defend any of the above propositions.

Further, the money deposited in the Security Savings Bank of Perry shall become the property of the party whose contentions are sustained by a majority of the committee appointed as above.

Now, **PUT UP** or **SHUT UP**.

Signed: WILLIAM BLACK.

State of Iowa, Dallas County.

On this 11th day of November, 1914, before me personally appeared William Black, and to me known to be the person named in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his voluntary act and deed.

(Seal)

A. W. HEISS,

Notary Public in and for Dallas County, Iowa.

## CHAPTER IX.

### GORDON DECOYED AND KIDNAPPED

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#### The Gregg-MacRae Threat and Frame-Up Carried Out Moral Cowardice and Hellborn Treachery

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(Reprint from Crusader, Aug. '23.)

When you read this story, friends, you will more fully come to realize that the greatest obstacle to the progress of the organized Protestant American movement is the unholy trinity of gross disloyalty, moral cowardice and treachery. Every great Protestant American movement has either been ruined or its progress retarded by it. The vitality and unity of Masonry have been injured by it. The Ku Klux Klan has felt the effect of its withering influence. Even Orangeism and other great movement has either been ruined or its progress retarded abolish this deadly upas tree from our Protestant American garden the flowers of liberty would flourish and the fruits of progress mature to an extent indescribable even to the poetic pen of an Isaiah. The fight with Rome, rum and rebellion would become as easy as the destruction of the Alpine snows under the influence of the warm Mediterranean breezes.

In our already large Protestant legions it isn't mere numbers we want but "more numbering;" not so much Protestant "mouthers" as more genuine stalwarts of the faith once delivered to the Saints of God and champions of liberty—men who believe that our God-given, priceless principles are dearer to us than life, and more precious than earthly gain. Our Protestant commanders and leaders, therefore, would do well these days to look first of all to the purging of their ranks before advancing on the foes of Liberty and Truth.

In the following narrative I will give a word picture of two men—J. A. MacRae and J. W. Gregg, of Berkeley, California—that seems incredible yet true, and which puts them in the unenviable position of being classed with the Benedict Arnolds of Protestantism in California.

As readers of The Crusader, of which I am the editor and publisher, you will, of course, be familiar with the

facts of my arrest more than a year ago on a charge of criminal libel preferred against me by one David Supple, Knight of Columbus, of San Francisco. The "crime" of which I was guilty was publishing the alleged fourth degree K. C. oath as found in the Congressional Record, in connection with the contested election of Bonniwell versus Butler. I was tried before a jury that disagreed, eleven voting for acquittal and one for conviction. I was tried again last January and found "guilty" by a jury made up of Roman Catholics, Jews, and three fake Protestants. I was sentenced to six months in the County Jail, and at once appealed against the conviction and judgment, and was admitted to bail in \$1,000 cash. Six weeks ago the arguments on appeal were heard in the Appellate Court of San Francisco before Judges St. Sure, Tyler and Richards. So far that court has not rendered its decision. Why the delay, we don't know.

At the time I was about to be admitted to bail there were a number of people willing to offer their property with a combined value of more than half a million dollars, as sureties, but that was rejected by the court and a thousand dollars cash asked for, which was at once procured from a Berkeley bank on the joint note of eight men, two of whom were the aforesaid J. W. Gregg and J. A. MacRae.

Due to some "strange pressure" these two became very anxious to have their names removed from the note, and the money returned to the bank. One flimsy excuse for this was that "they heard I was going to skip the country"—a mighty poor excuse for two men who knew me well enough to know that Gordon never yet ran away from any man or from any worthy issue. Yet it was an excuse," for they had passed the word around that they would put me back in jail, and they did so, but not by any legal or honorable method. MacRae confessed that they had seen police officials, Judges of the Superior, Appellate and Supreme Courts and others, all of whom informed them that a legal means of surrendering me was difficult to perform without good and sufficient reasons or the consent of the defendant. Hence their resort to treachery.

One Thursday night recently "Highland Mac" telephoned me and said his man Gregg wanted to meet me the next day at 10 a. m. at the Berkeley bank to arrange

about the renewal of my note at the bank which had become due. Not expecting that it was a decoy and a kidnapping scheme, I duly kept the appointment, accompanied by a tried and trusted friend. The necessary arrangements were made for the renewal or payment of the note in a manner satisfactory to the bank. But as soon as we left the bank, in the company of MacRae, he signalled to a bystander on the sidewalk and ordered him to take me to San Francisco and surrender me to jail officials. On demanding an explanation and authority for this procedure MacRae said, "This man is an officer from the city," and to justify the representation our "officer" man produced a badge, screened by his thumb so that we couldn't read it. I refused to go. The consequence was a fight, after which I was shuffled on to a waiting train en route to San Francisco. On regaining my physical vigor, after a brief rest on the train, I again protested and refused to go farther, whereupon I was attacked, thrown on the floor, kicked and a revolver flashed in my face. All this by the said "officer from San Francisco," who was really some sort of a thug and a detective hired for the occasion at a cost of \$20. I protested again on arrival at the County Jail, but all to no avail, for they seemed pleased to have me and reluctant to let me go. On being escorted MacRae and Bill trusted and confided in the famous "Bill" they got badly double-crossed, especially if they had expected to get that money, for Bill said he wanted that money for himself, that it was due him, and that both Gordon and MacRae were insolvent and could not pay what "rightfully" belonged to him of Hightower-Wilkens fame. What happened meanwhile we will not disclose at this time. Suffice to say that for some reason or other MacRae got the thousand dollars, and Bill Herrens's injunction was applied to the next thousand dollars put up as bail for my release the next day. MacRae got the thousand dollars that did not belong to him, and out of it paid a number of "expense accounts" which were of "urgent" importance. Among the items were these: Hire of detective, \$20; fees to some attorney, \$25; taxicab, meals, transportation.

All of the foregoing diabolical conspiracy was hatched and executed by a couple of men who evidently regard their fraternal obligations in the same light as the Kaiser did a mere scrap of paper. They belong to a

number of fraternities, and both are brother Orangemen. But we never before knew of such utter perfidy in men of the Orange affiliation.

What unseen "force" or "pressure" was behind all this? John Gregg should be able to account for his motive and threats to have me put in jail. Does the fact that he is employed by the firm of W. & J. Sloane, whose assistant general manager is a reputed Knight of Columbus, have any bearing on the case. Are we not justified in asking the question, in view of all the circumstances? Does the fact that he recently said he was being "lined up" for a certain political "job" have any bearing on the case? Why this political job? Who controls it? Why is it being offered to John W. Gregg, a recently naturalized American citizen who has been in America for twelve years or more, and a voter for the first time only in the last Congressional election? Why don't these "political" jobs go to tried and capable Americans whose citizenship is not a matter of yesterday, and whose Americanism is of a strictly long-standing type? Men like Gregg, who prate their loyalty, expand their vests and cry "We Americans" forcibly remind us of the Scribes and Pharisees and Judas Iscariot at the same time.

Gregg was Grand Master of California Orangemen at the time of my trial, and declined to go on the witness stand in my defense or in defense of the Orange Order when its purposes in this country were called in question. He excused himself for reasons of business connections. (Some record for an Orangeman.) It is the same John Gregg who, on the occasion of my first arrest, did not bestir himself to obtain my release except over the telephone to get the other fellow to do it. Business reasons again. He has admitted it. This is the self-same John Gregg who ordered a fellow employee of his to remove his Orangeman's Pin while at work, and when the young man refused, he then advised him to misrepresent the emblem of Orangeism if anyone should ask what it was. This is the self-same John Gregg whom we never saw wear his Masonic emblem while at business, although we always noted its prominence at fraternal gatherings, where he was wont to be both seen and heard. No man need be ashamed of the Masonic emblem and the principles of the illustrious Masonic Fraternity. If he is, let him get out of it. We notice with credit to many of the leading members of the well-known and honorable firm

that Gregg works for these men wear their emblems at work, and are not ashamed so to do. The so-called Mason who wears his pin by night and carries it in his pocket by day is a man without much honor, and without credit to the fraternity, in our opinion; and furthermore he is a moral coward. Better not to wear the pin at all, and prove your principles by your acts, than display it only on occasions.

We cannot always say for what reason or with what motive, but we have noted the fact that John Gregg has been a disturbing, dissentient factor in Orange and Protestant circles in this State for a number of years. Almost every effort made by myself in recent months to unite our Orange and Protestant forces has been met with opposition from Gregg and the half-dozen clique of pinheads that he controls. One of his clique had the writer forcibly removed from a certain Orange meeting by a K. C. police officer. They were too cowardly to undertake the job themselves. Hence their reason, we presume, for hiring a thug detective to kidnap a man who obeys the law, and whose illegal and high-handed imprisonment brought additional suffering and privation to a sick wife and four little children left at home for a whole day without food or proper care.

These traitors not only robbed a law-abiding citizen of his rights and liberties, but they also robbed a sick wife and four children of the care they so desperately needed. They also robbed a month-old baby of its mother's milk. Because of the shock which followed my imprisonment that mother became more ill and was unable for nearly two weeks to nurse that infant. Throughout that day and far into the night that little family wondered what had become of Daddy, and were puzzled to know why he did not come home. But Daddy was in the County Jail. Next morning I was hurried off with a dozen other prisoners to Ingleside Jail, and told I was "going out there" to do my six months. I was divested of all minerals, metals and clothing, given a strong "dose" of Epson salts and a shower bath, arrayed in prison garb and turned loose in the yard. Later on that day word came to me that I was to be released, so I was hurriedly called in and given back my clothes and money—minus an office key and my Masonic emblem which had been removed from my coat, and no trace of which I can yet find.

I bear no ill will against any Knight of Columbus or other Roman Catholic. I would not, even if I could, and should not, as a consistent Protestant, even if I would, injure or seek to injure anyone for his religious faith. I do not, however, believe in Romanism or the program or principles of Knight of Columbianism. I am opposed to it. I believe it is not consistent either with New Testament Christianity or a pure Americanism. My opposition thereto is consistent with my Constitutional rights. I do not resent, or deny to Roman Catholics, the right of opposing, if they can, the fallacies of my premises, political or religious. But I am always willing to defend myself and to give a reason for the faith that is mine and that of America, and I am willing to do it in the open, and give a hearing at the same time to the "other side," which is not by any means an Irish principle or a K. C. practice.

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## CHAPTER X.

### REPORT OF MY TRIAL

On the occasion of my first trial, a very able and fair-minded gentleman presided in the person of Superior Judge Tryon of Crescent City, California. It was agreed that all Roman Catholics should be excused from jury duty because of possible prejudice. One woman however who masqueraded as a Protestant was afterwards found to be a papal follower. The fact that she was the only member of the jury who stood out for conviction shows how cleverly she was planted in the jury, and how cunning are the works of Rome to defeat justice and accomplish her ignoble designs.

On the occasion of my second trial, evidently the K. C.'s did not want to take any chances. A special judge, Wooley, of Fresno, was imported for the occasion. The prosecution refused to adhere to their original agreement that all Roman Catholics be excused from duty on the Jury. So cleverly had the matter been planned, and so anti-Protestant was most of the jury list that even after exhausting the full number of our challenges, we found ourselves confronted with a jury from whom we could ex-

pect no sympathy or independence of judgment. The familiarity of Court Officials with the jurors as seen in numerous familiar conversations proved conclusively to us that we were confronted with a terrible papal conspiracy. A special K. C. Prosecutor was on hand to conduct the case for the K. C.'s. He was assisted by another K. C. in the person of the Deputy District Attorney. When the stage was all set, these attorneys trotted out their "Star" witnesses, among whom were David Supple, Supreme Warden; F. Connolly, Expositor of the Constitution, bedad! (He is the man who tells all New K. C.'s what the U. S. Constitution means in the eyes of the papacy.) Then there was Frank Silva, a K. C. Attorney, little Johnny O'Dea, and others. All these "brethren" testified very much alike. No they had never taken such an oath. Certainly not! One witness however made the significant admission when under examination that the 4th Degree Candidates took an "obligation" before they received the 4th degree. Here is the obligation which one Mr. Leary, a K. C. witness, stated was taken:

Transcript of Evidence, page 92—"I, upon my honor as a Catholic gentleman and Knight of Columbus, promise never to reveal directly or indirectly, by word or deed any even the slightest details, of the doings of this order, as they occur in this or any other Council to any one not absolutely known to be an equalized brother in good standing" etc., etc. We ask, in all fairness, if this promise is not binding on the member? If it is, as we believe it is, can a member of the 4th Degree not refuse to disclose, or even deny, that certain rituals and obligations are part of the 4th Degree? Furthermore, no satisfactory evidence was submitted by the Prosecution to show that even after a Candidate was supposed to have received all the "mysteries" of the Degree, there might not still be additional obligations for those deemed worthy and specially selected?

Let us look farther, at other sections of what the K. C.'s claim is their "genuine obligation" and of which they boast so much, thanks to Messrs. Hervey, Flint, Burke, and Welles, of the famous "Masonic Whitewash Committee."

"I pledge myself as a (Rm) Catholic Citizen and Knight of ——— to enlighten myself fully upon the duties of a citizen, and to conscientiously perform such duties in the interest of my country and regardless of all

personal consequences. I pledge myself to do all in my power to preserve the integrity and purity of the Ballot and promote reverence and respect for law and order. I promise to practice my religion consistently and faithfully but without ostentation, and to so conduct myself in public affairs and public duties as to reflect nothing but credit on our Holy Church, to the end that she may flourish and our country prosper, to the greater end and glory of God." Evidence page 93.

Now what are we to think of this noble Order of K. C.'s "dedicated to charity and teaching of a lofty patriotism," whose members bind themselves together, as "Catholic Citizens?" No mention at all of "American Citizens!" Does this mean in the very words of Father Phelan that they are Catholics first and Americans afterwards? What sort of a country would we have if 100 different religious groups of people bound themselves together in secret oath, as Presbyterian Citizens, Baptist Citizens, Quaker Citizens, etc., etc.? "To enlighten myself fully as a citizen, in the interest of my country"—Now a good Jesuit could openly say these words with a mental reservation, meaning all the time that he really was a Citizen of the Papal Empire, and that "my country" "really meant, "my church." You will also note that the Knight promises to conduct himself, not that he may be a better American, better Citizen, a better father, or better brother; but primarily that he may reflect credit on the Holy Church, that she may flourish, and our country prosper to the honor and glory of God—in this case God could mean our Church, for Romanism teaches that she and she alone has the right to direct people to God.

#### EVIDENCE IN DEFENSE.

It was clearly shown in Counsel's opening remarks that criminal libel under the law must be a malicious defamation expressed in writing which either tends to, or does, impeach the honor or good name of some person. In this charge, as shown by the information already quoted at the out set, I was accused of defaming and injuring the good name of a man whom I had never seen or even heard of. Furthermore the law is supposed to permit the fullest reasonable freedom to the Press in quoting, whole or in part, from all public or privileged documents. The policy of American Law is that full publicity may be given executive, legislative, and judicial proceedings, regardless of whether the statements there-

in are true or false, in whole or in part. The Congressional Record is such a privileged Publication, and no matter how adverse some of its contents may be to parties or organizations, there should be no muzzling of the Press in quoting from it. Such was the fundamental basis of my defense, and how little it availed me may be seen from the Transcript of Evidence.

### GORDON ON THE WITNESS STAND

I was several hours on the Witness Stand under Cross-examination. I was afforded very little protection, from the court, as lots of objections raised by my counsel to questions under cross-examination, were over-ruled by the court. The consequence was that in many instances I was compelled to give categorical answers to questions, where neither a direct "yes" or "no" could be regarded as a truthful or correct reply. The K. C. Prosecutor had evidently framed his questions with this object in view, so that I might be made to say what suited his purpose. I admire his method and cunning. I could not however say half as much for the Court.

Here are some questions and answers (P. 111):—

Mr. Gordon do you belong to an organization which has for its object the teaching of the American Constitution and love for the American Government?

A.—I do.

(Objection by K. C. Counsel.)

Q.—What organization is that?

Counsel for Defense—Now if it pleases the Court some of the witnesses produced by the prosecution (K. C.'s) were allowed to testify to offices they held, and testify what their own principles or the principles of their organization were; and I think we have a right to show that. It bears upon the question of malice here, that the defendant is a member of such an organization.

(Court again sustains the K. C. objection.)

Q.—Now, Mr. Gordon, you are the publisher of the Crusader?

A.—I am.

Q.—I will ask you to state to the jury under what circumstances you made the publication (Referring to the publication of Oath.)

A.—This was published in the July issue of the Crusader, 1922. It was the outcome of a political and religious controversy in Washington at the end of the previous year in connection with the alleged un-American

teachings of a certain organization.

I noted that the principal people who were a party to the Senate's investigation of an order known as the Ku Klux Klan were Knights of Columbus—that those parties were Knights of Columbus or Roman Catholics to a great extent.

The charge had been made that the Oath of the K. K. K. was un-American, etc., etc. The other parties to the case had also replied that the Knights of Columbus were un-American and intolerant. In order that my readers might see the viewpoint of both parties and judge for themselves. I thought it was my privileged prerogative as a Publisher to copy from the Congressional Record this Oath of the Knights of Columbus, and also the other alleged Oath of the K. K. K. In doing that I was without wrong motive or malice. I not only added to the end of this Oath, full and fair explanation as to where I got the K. of C. Oath, but I also published in the same edition a three page article wherein I set forth the whole story.

Q.—Did you at time of publication intend to injure in any way Mr. D. Supple?

A.—I would not be guilty of such unfair policy.

Q.—How often has this Oath been published during the past ten years?

A.—I have seen it published in dozens of publications.

Q.—And have you heard of its publication?

A.—Yes; on many occasions.

Q.—Prior to your arrest, did anyone ask you for a retraction of that? A.—“Never.”

Q.—At the time of Publication did you believe it was true? A.—Yes, I believed it was true. I believed it was the Oath once taken by the Knights of Columbus.

Q.—Did you ever at a prior time make investigation for the purpose of determining whether or not it was accurate?

A.—Yes. I had made several enquiries, and the investigations confirmed my suspicions.

Q.—During the course of that investigation did you receive any information as to the authenticity, or lack of it, of this purported Oath?

A.—I had in my possession a copy of an affidavit sworn to and attested by the late Father Black who was murdered in Marshall, Texas, by four members of the Knights of Columbus when on his way to give evidence

and testimony in Court that he knew this Oath to have been the 4th Degree K. C. Oath.

K. C. Prosecutor, interjects.—I move to strike out the testimony as manifestly improper, grossly hearsay.

**COURT SUSTAINS OBJECTION OF K. C. PROSECUTOR**

### **CROSS EXAMINATION**

Q.—You stated no request for a retraction (of this publication) had ever been made? A—No.

Q.—What would you have done if such request had been made?

A.—I would have published any reasonable proposition that a K. C. officially speaking for the order might care to submit. The only rebuttal I ever got were the unsigned letters of abuse, insult, and filthy and vile language.

Q.—Being unsigned, you do not know from whom they came?

No; I would not publish an unsigned letter from the U. S. President, the King of England, or the Pope of Rome.

Q.—Did you or did you not believe they (K. C. Witnesses) did take that Oath after hearing that sworn testimony?

A.—They took that Oath, if they joined the K. C. organization prior to a certain date, I submit, according to my investigations; if they joined it subsequent to that date, as the late Father Black pointed out, then they did not take that oath.

K. C. Prosecutor.—I move to strike the answer out.

Court.—It may go out. (Sic.)

No worthy purpose can be served in giving any more illustrations of the nature of the cross-examination, or rulings of the Court thereon, except to remark again that in my opinion I was not properly or fully protected in my position as a Defendant at the Bar.

Amongst witnesses for my defense were Judge R. B. Myers, Rev. John Snape, (Baptist) J. T. Froliger, G. N. Levy, and L. J. Taylor, all of whom testified to the merits of the Crusader and their confidence in the reputation of the defendant for truth, honor, and integrity.

Judge Meyers was perfectly clear and emphatic in his statements and made a very interesting witness under

cross-examination. When he was asked his opinion of the 4th Degree Oath and its truthfulness, his answer was that it was under the circumstances, not susceptible either of proof or disproof.

Here are a few illustrations of Questions and answers when Rev. John Snape of Oakland was under K. C. Cross-examination—

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Q.—You have read the Crusader? A.—I have.

Q.—You are familiar with the tone and contents?

A.—I think, fairly so.

Q.—Do you consider that a man who can state in such a paper of his fellow citizens that the “K. C.’s Chest-swollen, strut over the United States and parade themselves as the pillars of Americanism, but are only caterpillars gnawing at the foundations of our very public institutions.—do you think a person who can publish sentiments of that kind is a man of honor and integrity?

A.—“I would say so, yes.

Q.—Do you consider that a man who can say of four gentlemen high in Masonic Circles that they whitewashed the K. C. Oath; that the Oath is on the Congressional Record; generally accepted as the real Oath of the K. C., 4th Degree, and even if it were not the true oath, the K. C.’s live it and are engaged in a work of extirpation of Protestants” that such a person who can so express himself is a man of honor and integrity.

A.—Yes, if these things are true.

At this stage Dr. Snape left the stand. He was evidently a “hopeless” witness under K. C. Cross Examination.

Hours were spent by Counsel on both sides arguing before the Jury, the law and the facts. R. McWilliams, special K. C. Prosecutor, came into the case well drilled and primed with precedents and glowing eulogies about his church and the K. C. Order and how desirable it was, his church and the K. C. Order, and how desirable it was that all should live at peace and amity in the Community. How hypocritical these words sounded to me in view of what I knew of his intolerant papal systems and the ambitious intrigues of his own very order of K. C.’s

For example let us take the statement of one of his own so-called brethren of the church, just a short while prior to that, publish a most insulting statement in the Papal San Francisco “Leader” on the occasion of the

### Shrine Convention in San Francisco.

Let Rome first cease to libel, and abuse, and stop showing a bigotted intolerant spirit, and then Protestants will have less occasion to criticize the doings of this alien horde that "brogues" it over our fair land. Let Rome take her Italian, Irish hordes off our free institutions and Protestants will not be heard from either on the rostrum or in the Press. If there is hostility to the Knights of Columbus they have themselves to blame. They provoked it by their arrogant measures, aggressiveness, and clever schemes to burrow into all our American Institutions. Why don't they frame an oath that expressly compels a primary and unconditional allegiance to the Flag of this Country? Why did they not eliminate the "Catholic Citizen" idea, the bunkum about practicing their religion, and get in something definite about practicing something distinctively American?

#### JUDGMENT.

When the case went to the jury one had but to glance at their faces to see in most instances their own deeply rooted spirit of prejudice against the defendant. The brief time in reaching a verdict of "Guilty" proved that everything seemed to work "so smoothly," just as smoothly, as if a hundred gallons of Rome's holy oil had been generously applied all round. The Jury slipped into their places, so did the judge slip into his, the verdict of guilty slipped out of all their mouths as their alien sounding names were called, and then the Judge slipped out of Court, and left the Defendant in Custody of the Sheriff, to be slipped into Jail, and then all the K. C.'s slipped away exultant over their dirty work that cost me my liberty and the State of California \$50,000.

Three days later the Judge appeared and with bitter prejudiced remarks, and without the usual option of a fine said "Six months."

On appeal of this case to the Appellate Court, and afterwards to the Supreme Court of California, our applications were denied, to have the Judgment set aside, or to get an order for a new trial based on the following reasons:—

1. That the information in said case does not state a public offense.
2. That the trial court misdirected the jury in divers matters of law and erred in the decision of divers questions of law arising during the trial.

3. That the evidence was and is insufficient to justify the verdict of the jury.

4. That the special prosecutor in said Cause was guilty of misconduct during the trial to the prejudice of the substantial rights of the Defendant.

5. That the trial court erred in denying the Motion of Defendant for a new trial and in arrest of judgment.

## **CHAPTER XI.**

### **PLEA FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY**

For the efforts made by the people in my behalf I am very grateful, but I feel my imprisonment has served the better purpose of awakening the Protestant people to a sense of the grave danger to our free Institutions by the Papacy.

Able efforts were made by my wife, who worked heroically, assisted by large numbers of friends in numerous Protestant Orders, and Churches, to secure signatures for Petitioning the Governor to grant a Pardon. Many thousands of these were turned in from all over the State, supported by hundreds of letters from organizations and individuals, Ministerial Bodies, and other great representative Executives sent in resolutions to Governor Friend W. Richardson. But he did not see fit to take any action. I served the full term required bylaw, and left the Institution without fear, without remorse, and more firmly resolved than ever before that Rome will not muzzle my tongue or stay my hand. I attach hereto copies of some of the letters submitted to the Governor, and representing individuals and organizations in this State of California, with a gross membership of 250,000 people.

### **BOB SHULER'S LETTER**

**Trinity M. E. Church**

Los Angeles, Calif.,

Jan. 24, 1924.

Governor Friend Richardson,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Governor Richardson I have been very much concerned with reference to the matter of D. J. Gordon, of Oakland, California, who was convicted in a San Francis-

co Court on the ground that he had published a co-called Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Oath. I took a great deal of interest in that trial and in the decision of the Superior Court that followed, and I am frank to say to you, Governor Richardson, that such a conviction can only be had in less than a half dozen states in the American Union, and only in those cities, within the states I refer to, which are decidedly Roman Catholic.

Mr. Gordon, has a splendid record as a soldier, and as a man, and has fought for his convictions with tremendous forces opposing him. This reported oath has been published by literally hundreds of publications and has form. I will frankly say, that history will prove to any man on God's earth that everything that is laid down in that oath has been done in the name of the Roman Catholic Church. Whether the oath is true or not means little to me. It is a part of the record in Washington and I believe many courts have decided over America that as such it is a privileged matter.

I believe that D. J. Gordon's condition is the result of persecution, pure and simple, and I feel that he should be pardoned and sent home to his family. I am not now asking that you make a thorough investigation of the matter, but I expect a reply from you as to what you think of the situation.

Yours as ever.

R. P. Shuler.

### **PROTESTANT MINISTERS CONDEMN K. C.'S**

Hon. Friend Richardson,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The Interdenominational Ministers' Union of Oakland and vicinity has recently had its attention called to the case of Lt. D. J. Gordon, of Oakland recently found guilty, after trial in the Supreme Court, of criminal libel against Mr. David Supple of San Francisco, Secretary of the organization of the Knights of Columbus.

We are aware that your Excellency must frequently be over-burdened with cases that should have been prop-

erly settled by the Courts, and we do not wish to increase your burdens, but we do wish respectfully to call your attention to two or three things in connection with this case.

1. In the first trial in Judge Roche's Court in San Francisco, Lt. Gordon was practically acquitted by a vote of 11 to 1, though that one holding out, was able to bring about a jury disagreement.

2. It is now charged that the jury that convicted him in the second trial in the Superior Court was composed of a majority of members of the Knights of Columbus, which fact, if it was a fact, would have rendered it impossible for him to have had a fair trial.

3. The Judge (Judge Woolley of Fresno) refused all bail except cash bail, and at 11:00 o'clock at night put him in jail where he was confined for several days awaiting the Judge's convenience.

4. The sentence, six months in jail, without the alternative of a fine or even probation was arbitrary and excessive.

5. It would appear that religious prejudice has been prominent in both trials, but successful only in the second, and we respectfully petition your Excellency to order an inquiry into the case, and if wrong has been done an Oakland citizen, to right the wrong at once.

Yours sincerely,

PRESIDENT.

SECRETARY.

### EX-MONK'S ERICKSON'S LETTER

Dear Mrs. Gordon:

Words absolutely fail to express my grief and surprise on hearing of your beloved husband's imprisonment. What in the name of God are we coming to in the United States? Is this a repetition of the dark ages of Europe coming upon us? God forbid. Surely no stone must be left unturned to bring before the Nation the great injustice so cruelly lodged upon him, such a noble, courageous and spirit filled man of God, who I must say I believe is California's John the Baptist, shouting, Prepare ye the way of the Lord. My sympathy for him and you cries out

from the depths of my heart How long, O Lord, how long  
and again, Awake America awake.

I sincerely pray for a speedy release from his incarceration, which I consider a stain upon the good name of the State in which we live, and may God bless and abundantly provide for the little ones who are for a time without their loving father.

Yours for our Country,

ELI M. ERIKSON.

Jan. 15, 1924.

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If our Protestant Friends keep on working the way many of them have been doing, we will get that Million Circulation I am asking for. I ask in Faith and Trust, believing we will. Why not take up this matter in your Lodges, and among your friends. There are 10 million people who would want this Book if they knew about it. Part of these are in your Community. Will you please help? Suppose you buy a few dozen copies, and sell them, (or give them away) as you see fit.

I thank God for the privilege of witnessing for the Faith in Jail, as well as out of Jail. Now it is your turn and your privilege, to give your share, and your endorsement of my fight for a Free Press and Free Speech.

D. J. GORDON.

## A KLANSMAN TRUE

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The new Arthurian Knight,  
Who doth his conscience as his king revere,  
Who merely seeks redress of human wrong,  
Who sham and falsehood shuns,  
Who fealty swears to worth and truth alone;

Whose creed is Christ, his country's weal, his people one  
and free;  
Whose dearest love this land and flag—the Pilgrim's  
heritage;  
In high esteem he'd also hold those valiant sons of alien  
birth, but not of alien faith;  
Who hold aloft the freedman's torch and likewise  
'Neath the fiery cross the Klansman's pledge would take--  
to guard America.

Who, fearful lest unhappy strife begot of alien horde and  
papal scheme  
That seeks, as in the martyred Lincoln's day, this land to  
rend in twain,  
A solemn vow in Christian zeal he takes—one nation in-  
divisible,  
That all within America shall of America be.

Who to a pure Americanism doth cleave—his blood-  
bought right,  
That foreign sway nor alien faith shall not his land  
o'errun,  
That while from other lands in other days the gold of  
worth did come,  
The dross shall not in his.

Who prizing most the Constitution and the law, his  
Institutions and his flag, his women pure, their children  
dear,  
Hence their defense he'd make secure and ever aim to see  
That all who man the Ship of State or oath of office take  
Shall to that sacred trust be true.

A Klansman true, a Shakespeare might portray,  
With qualities so nobly blended and so fully tried,  
That Nature, with unblushing face and a just pride,  
Might stand aloft and say again to all the world:  
"This is a man"—a true American. —D. J. G.

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