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## EDITORIAL

(By Mrs. B. Lurie.)

### FROM CATHOLICS OF OTHER LANDS.

Mayor Nathan of Rome continues the buti of Catholic indignation for his utterances on September 20 upon the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the occupation of the "Eternal City." He has had the distinguished honor of being condemned by the city council of Montreal for his "anti-clerical" speech. He has also been favored with a copy of resolutions adopted by the Federate Holy Name Society of Newark, N. J., "condemning" him (it is the real translation of the Greek or their more favorite mis-translation "damning him") for his late utterances and his profound contempt of the Pope's claims of "infallibility." To these as well as to others he replied that they reserve judgment till they read and understand what he really did say and mean. In another portion will be found the masterly effort which is stirring the Catholic world to its depths.

He rebuketh the Newark Catholics by replying in scathing but unanswerable terms: "You presume to dictate to other nations in what way their territory and population should be governed. It is greatly to be regretted that men who are supposed to represent 370,000 Catholics should pass resolutions of censure without having read the utterances on which they are based. It savors too much of by-gone days—inquisitorial times, when it was sufficient to give a dog an ill-name to hang him.

"I enclose a copy of my speech and also subsequent reply to Pope Pius V. Impartial men who have read both can not indict me of irreverence to religion or divinity, in which my belief is profound."

There is no doubt but that the Catholics at large would like to have Mayor Nathan punished as in "inquisitorial times" for his presumptu-

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ous attitude towards the Pope. The time in Italy is not so long past when the flowing fagot, the rack, or the dungeon's grated cell could be invoked to appease Catholic vindictiveness. In Russia, those who have the power, are putting it into effect and no voice is raised in protest. To the cross on which the Catholics teach their adherents, the hated Jews nailed the "Savior," they in turn hail all philosophy, science, humanity and liberty.

### Catholic Creed.

For the benefit of those who have never read the creed of the orthodox Catholic church, we herewith reproduce same and venture to remark that very few "out of the fold" will assert, even after careful consideration, that they understand the "jumble." But that's one of the tricks of the church; the less comprehension, the more profound the belief. Force, ignorance and superstition to abdicate, and Catholicism is doomed:

### Catholic Creed:

"Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith; which faith, except every one do keep entire and inviolate, without doubt, he shall everlastingly perish. That he worship one God in Trinity, and "Trinity in Unity. Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance." Can any one wonder that we abhor the Meshumid (renegade) who subscribes to the above absurd formula? And worse blasphemy is to follow; an explanation of this Trinity: "For one is the person of the Father, another is the person of the Son, and another is the person of the Holy Ghost; but the Three, the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is One, in glory equal, in majesty, co-eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, such is the Holy Ghost. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Ghost is uncreated. The Father is incomprehensible, the Son is incomprehensible, the Holy Ghost is incomprehensible. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Ghost is eternal.

In like manner, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Ghost is almighty. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Ghost is God. The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Ghost is Lord.

"The Father is made of no one; not created or begotten. The Son is from the Father alone" (no mother necessary for Jesus, according to this); "not made, not created, nor begotten" (what about the Immaculate Conception—and where does poor Mary come in?).

"The Holy Ghost is from the Father and the Son" (by what process even the Catholics are bashful in explaining the above); "not made nor begotten but proceeded, so that there is one

Father, not three Fathers; one Son, and not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity there is nothing before nor afterwards, nothing greater nor less, but the whole three persons are co-eternal with one another, and co-equal, so that in all things the Unity is to be worshipped in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity. Those who will be saved must thus think of the Trinity. Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation" (wretched cant phrase) that he also believe rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and man. He is God of the substance of his Father begotten before the world was created. And he is man of the substance of his mother, born in this world, perfect man and perfect God, and the rational soul in human flesh subsisting equal to the Father, according to his Godhead, but less than the Father, according to his manhood, who being both God and man is not two, but one—one, not by conversion of God into flesh, but by taking of the manhood into God.

"One altogether, not by a confusion of substance, but by unity of person, for as the rational soul and the flesh is one man, so God the man" (can any blasphemy be worse than this?) "is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and He sitteth at the right-hand of God, the Father Almighty, and He shall come to judge the living and the dead."

And because the Jew will not renounce the purity and sublimity of his "Hear, O Israel: the Eternal our God, the Eternal is One," and accept the above infinite blasphemy, he has had to suffer the agonies of fire, rack, dungeon and exile. May the Eternal forgive those who abandoned Judaism in order to escape martyrdom, or for other reasons, and identified themselves with the persecutors of their people.

This year Chanukah and Christmas come on the same day. The first Chanukah light is kindled Dec. 25th, so there will be small excuse for Jews to celebrate the Christmas in preference to their own festival. If they are "ashamed," as many are, to exhibit signs of "Jewishness," these may now surreptitiously celebrate Chanukah while making "much ado" about Christmas. Are there many who will avail themselves of such pitiful subterfuge?

### Pastor Russell.

Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle, who lectured at the Houston Auditorium Wednesday night, had his quota of Jewish listeners. Those who do not agree with him, admit he is honest and sincere and is doing much to "lay" Christian prejudice towards

the Jew. Many Christians are becoming imbued with this commendable spirit of tolerance, and for this we are sincerely grateful. Those who are best acquainted with his views and writings assert that he has no missionary designs on the Jews, holding that the blessings promised Israel would come to them in "due time" at the "second" appearance of Messiah, and not through conversion to Christianity. He seems as dissatisfied with his religion as one may well be and remain in the fold, especially in a ministerial capacity. He is not a Trinitarian and asserts that Jesus was born in October and not December 25th. On this day all Christianity is celebrating, as the Jews have always known, a pagan, and not a "Christian" holiday.

Drunkenness is greatly on the increase in Italy. The Government is taking steps to raise the tax on alcohol, to regulate the number of liquor houses, and also to institute a temperance propaganda. These measures may be successfully put into effect while Signor Luzzati, the Jewish Premier, is at the head of affairs. But how long will the good work go on, once the Catholic church gains ascendancy, as it undoubtedly will. It is making a hard fight and is the most formidable foe progress ever encountered.

### ZIONISTS BECOMING ACTIVE.

Members of the Propaganda committee of the Zionists met last Thursday night with President L. A. Freed and set the date for the Texas Zionists' Association Convention for January 1, 2 and 3.

The program is being shaped up slowly, but looks very good at this early date.

On the first night of the convention the visitors will be treated to a lecture on Palestine, illustrated with stereopticon views. On Monday night, the second of the convention, a great mass meeting is planned, at which Mr. Meyer C. Wagner will preside. On Tuesday, the third and last night of the convention, a banquet will be given, at which Rabbi Willner will preside as toastmaster.

Mayor Rice will welcome the visiting delegates on Sunday and the business of the convention will open with a prayer by one of the local rabbis.

At the mass meeting on Monday night Mr. A. S. Frankel of New York City, the official propagandist of the American Federation, will lecture in Yiddish, and it is hoped to have Rev. Dr. Max Heller of New Orleans deliver an English lecture.

The ladies' committee consists of Mrs. Louis Selins, chairman; Messdames P. H. Blumenthal, Greenstein, M. Ast, M. J. Schlom, M. S. Schlom, B. H. Greenberg, W. S. Frosh, J. Tiras, L. Sampson, W. Wilner, L. Scher, M. Messinger and Karl Tiras.