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Georgia Matters Briefly Treated

M.R. HEARST'S Atlanta paper—which cannot enter Canada because of the bad character of the Hearst publications for truthfulness—continues to harp on the Roman Catholic features of the Atlanta public schools.

It does not deny however that one of the Romanist teachers robbed the Protestant pupils of their New Testaments, and destroyed these copies of the "Word" by burning them in the stove.

Is not that a serious matter? Was it not a crime for Miss Stewart to take books which did not belong to her, and commit them to the flames?

The foreign church to which this teacher belongs is notorious for its opposition to the Biblical injunction, "Search the Scriptures," and infamous for its destruction of Bibles, wherever it can be safely done.

One place where it can be safely done is in one of the public schools of Fulton County, the Ormond Park School being the place where the "accused" Protestant Book is not permitted except in the stove.

Miss Stewart was criminally destroying those New Testaments at about the same time her criminal church was burning the 2500 Bibles that the Missionary Societies of this country had sent to Vigan, in the Philippine Islands.

The Hearst paper persists in publishing denials in the case of Miss Riordan of the Davis Street School, and I persist in saying that this Romanist principal prostituted her official position to compel Protestant pupils of the 2nd grade to recite, *in obedience to her instruction in the school-room, "THE CATHOLIC RELIGION IS THE BEST."*

Certain ladies of Atlanta have been prevailed upon to sign a card, endorsing the Board of Education, exonerating the Romanist teacher, and accusing me of falsehood.

I will not be drawn into any controversy with women, but if Brittain and Landrum will come forward, from behind those petticoats, I WILL CHEERFULLY COMBAT BRITTAINE AND LANDRUM.

To stir up a question, is a preliminary to having it settled, and I am indeed glad to see that Brittain and Landrum feel the coal of fire on their backs.

With a Romanist at the head of the Fulton County Board of Education, and the State financing two Savannah schools, whose marble tablet on the front of the building tells the world that they are "CATHOLIC FREE SCHOOLS," we have been drifting nicely toward Romanism, under the acquiescent policy of Martin Luther Brittain.

The Recorder's Court in Atlanta was for many years used as a recruit-station for the Romanist sweat-shop in Cincinnati, Ohio; and I don't suppose that any of those women who signed themselves "Baptist" and "Metho-

dist," were aware of the fact that the Atlanta Police Matron was an active recruiting officer for the Cincinnati laundry, using her official authority TO CARRY GEORGIA GIRLS OUT OF THE STATE, INTO SLAVERY IN OHIO.

I have a lot of written evidence on this subject, and will lay it before the public soon. By accident, the facts were developed, the first hint being given me when the State had to bring a Georgia girl from the Pope's slave-pen in Ohio, as a witness in the case of Leo Frank.

Investigation brought out the fact that she had been railroaded into Ohio slavery from the Recorder's Court in Atlanta, by the Police Matron.

That horrible abuse of authority prevails throughout the country; and the Roman priests are coining millions of dollars out of the slave-labor of Protestant boys and girls.

When the little slaves attempt to escape, they are usually maimed by the jump out of the upper windows, or they are killed, or the obliging police arrest them and fling them back into slavery.

As to Miss Riordan and the Davis Street School, read the following:

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 7, 1916.

Mr. Alex Keese,

59 Capitol Ave, City.

Dear Sir: I am inclosing you the address of Mr. Spencer. He is glad to get the fight and you can use his name as you like. He says he can prove the charges, as his boy was going to Davis Street School at that time, but is not going there now, having moved out of the school district.

You will remember I gave Mr. Landrum this man's address, BUT THEY NEVER WENT TO SEE HIM.

You could mention in your article to the papers that if the school board had made any inquiries from the Patrons of Davis Street School, THEY WOULD HAVE FOUND PLENTY OF EVIDENCE TO SUSTAIN THE CHARGE, BUT THEY DID NOT DO SO.

Respectfully yours,

M. JOHENNING.

161 Jones Ave.

In the meantime the "Catholic Free Schools" of Savannah are continuing to violate our highest law, and to contemptuously defy public opinion.

The Board of Education, as now constituted, cannot be reached by the people. It elects itself, perpetuates itself, makes its own law, and conducts itself upon the Vanderbilt principle, of "the public be d—d!"

Ex-Judge Samuel Adams is the titular boss of this undemocratic Board, but Bishop Keiley is the real Mogul.

The Attorney-General of Georgia has officially notified Supt. M. L. Brittain that the Savannah Board is violating the law, and that he, Brittain, has had sufficient notice to withdraw State support from those papal sectarian institutions.

But the State's money goes on, right along, supporting those "Catholic Free Schools."

The Fall term has already been illegally conducted; and the defiant Savannah Board continues to "defer action." The last time they "deferred action," they gave out notice to the Savannah papers, that they would confer with Bishop Keiley.

WHAT'S HE GOT TO DO WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND OF GEORGIA?

The Savannah Board might as well consult the Italian pope, and take his orders in the premises.

Since when, have Sectarian School Boards had to go to church dignitaries for directions?

Since when, did the arrogant Bishop Keiley become the dispenser of the State's school money?

Supt. M. L. Brittain will be well advised if he heeds the official opinions of the Attorney General.

The legislature, will meet in June, and if this persistent violation of the Constitution goes on, it is M. L. Brittain who may have to face an impeachment.

We can't reach Keiley, but we can reach that lawless Board, and its accomplice, Supt. Brittain.

The Board can be abolished, and Brittain can be removed from office.

It is simply a question of enforcing the law. Either the Constitution should be respected by officials of the State, or it ought to be changed.

If the tax-payers want their money used for the teaching of Roman paganism and idolatry, it's all right to use it that way; but so long as the highest law for bids it, the people should compel all officials to obey that law.

Mr. Hearst's *Georgian* has thrown a good scare into us Baptists by printing the following:

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 17.—General Frederick Funston today made a hot retort to charges made by Southern Baptists that he had attempted to censor sermons preached to soldiers. The Georgia Baptist Association had passed resolutions asking Congress to investigate.

"I did not tell the Rev. Mr. Gambrell that he could not tell the militiamen they had lost their souls," said General Funston. "I told him that a soldier's soul was no more lost than those of other people, and that I expected them to be treated like others. You can tell the Baptists for me that if they intend to continue misrepresenting me they had better place their property in their wives' names, for I shall sue them in the Federal courts for libel."

Fretful Fred Funston is gifted with a growingly happy latent for making an ass of himself.

When Dr. Gambrell first complained of Funston's insolence in refusing to see him, and gave to the public the surly message, which Fred had transmitted through his "Chief of Staff," I noticed the Northern papers closely, to see what the small edition of Julius Caesar would say about it.

At that time, Funston treated the incident very superciliously indeed, considering it a rather smart thing in himself to have snubbed Dr. Gambrell.

Fred's own statement was, that he objected to having preachers tell his unconverted soldiers that their souls were in a "lost" condition.

The Romanist papers seized upon the pompous little General's self-complacent statement, and they repeated it, commented on it, and worked themselves into a high degree of enthusiastic approval of it.

But back of Dr. Gambrell were four millions of outraged Baptists, with even more Methodists quick to see that *Funston's insult, AND CENSORSHIP applied to all Protestants.*

Then the State Conventions began to "lumber." Georgia led off, and I was rejoiced to see that Hon. Clifford Walker's resolutions of protest were unanimously adopted.

Virginia followed, and then Mississippi, with others on the way; and now the pompous, inflated, and priest-loving little ass, Funston, realizes that he has aroused the whole Protestant world to the real situation in the Army, as to that *Romanist chaplain domination*.

Dr. Alex E. Keese and Dr. Augustus E. Barnett—late of the Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia—will soon be covering this State with a series of meetings in the interest of The Great Secret Society. They will be in Augusta next week, during my trial in the United States Court.

Afterwards, they will visit Rome, Savan-