

European Catholic countries have not hesitated to suppress convents and monasteries and even to confiscate their property. In every instance this has been the last resort against the insidious, dangerous and nameless crimes against the liberty of such nations.

Cardinal Manning admitted that a suppression of the monasteries under Henry VIII was no new thing.

In 1865 there were in Italy 2382 religious houses, 1506 for men and 876 for women.

In the year 1866, the Italian Parliament passed a law suppressing all these Catholic institutions. Likewise in Portugal in 1934, all convents and monasteries by decree had their property confiscated by the people. At that time there were 632 monasteries and 118 nunneries, — 18,000 monks and nuns living in "Holy poverty" with a yearly income amounting to millions in money. Two or three years later, Spain suppressed all convents and nunneries and confiscated their property.

Confronted with these undeniable facts, the American Protestant people have a right to insist upon the most rigid and governmental supervision of all such institutions. The defended existence of such a system is the triumph of Roman Catholicism in the United States. If this triumph continues, nation-wide priestcraft will eventually destroy this Democratic government of ours. For the sake of everything that is near and dear to us, we ought to do everything possible that is within our power to stem the tide of the progress of Romanism in the United States, and, therefore, eradicate this terrible menace from our nation.

Think of the many infants who have been put to death behind these convent walls? According to Mariah Monk, a famous ex-nun, the children were put to death in the following manner:

First, the priest would put oil upon the heads of the infants as is the custom before baptism. When he had baptized them, they were taken one after another by one of the older nuns in the presence of all, and she would press her hand upon its mouth and nose so that it could not breathe. In a few moments when the hand was removed, the child was dead. She would then take another and another, and in this manner many were disposed of. No sound was heard and in a few moments all was over. Then their little bodies were taken to the cellar and thrown into a pit of quicklime.

The late ex-nun, Neva Miller Moss, said in my presence that many babies were put to death in the same manner by the authorities in the house of Good Shepherd, only instead of holding the mouth and nose, all they did was to press their hand over the soft spot of the child's head and press down, and in a few moments the child was dead.

If Protestant people would only realize the utter folly of attempting to evangelize the heathen in foreign countries when we have so many heathen in our own land who need our attention, this nation would be in a more healthy and spiritual condition, and as a result, the world would feel the effect in that more missionaries would be thrust forth, and certainly not at the expense of neglecting their duties at home as is done today.

The Word of God teaches that all real evangelistic effort should start at home, and certainly no country needs the message of the gospel more than our own. Immorality is on the increase, lawlessness is rampant. Gangs of murderers are operating in every city of America. Prostitution has become a prosperous business enterprise. If the Roman church is the one true church, which she claims she is in origin and practice, why is it then that these conditions exist with such a "supernatural