

16. What action of the American Federation of Catholic Societies indicates that Catholics will gladly "join hand" with Protestants in enforcing Sunday observance by law?

"Our Societies in the various parts of the United States have been urging the abolition of Sunday labor, and have indorsed and assisted the movement of closing the post-office on Sunday." - **Tenth Annual Convention of American Federation of Catholic Societies, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 20- 24, 1911.**

NOTES: With the active cooperation of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, a Protestant organization, a proviso was attached to the post-office appropriation bill, 1912, requiring that "hereafter post-offices of the first and second classes shall not be opened on Sundays for the purpose of delivering mail to the general public." The following resolution was adopted by the Boston Archdiocesan Federation of Catholic Societies:-

"We are unalterable opposed to any relaxation of the Sunday laws. Sunday is a day of rest to be devoted to the praise and service of God. We hold the safest public policy at present is to adhere to the rigid observance of the laws now safeguarding the sanctity of the Lord's day." - **Boston Pilot, official organ of Cardinal O'Connell, March 16, 1912.**

17. What complaint is made against Sunday trains and Sunday newspapers?

"They get a great many passengers, and so break up a great many congregations." "The laboring classes are apt to rise late on Sunday morning, read the Sunday papers, and allow the hour of worship to go by unheeded." - **Elgin (Ill.) Sunday-law Convention, November, 1887.**

NOTES: In the fourth century, Sunday games and Sunday theaters, it was complained, "hindered" the "devotion" of the "faithful," because many of the members attended them in preference to the church services. The church, therefore, demanded that the state should interfere, and enforce Sunday observance by law. "In this way," says Neander, "the church received help from the state for the furtherance of her ends." In this way church and state were united, and the Papacy was placed in power. The same course pursued now will produce the same results.

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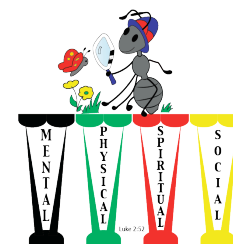
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"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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Note: The National Reformers in their attempts to justify the legal establishment of Christianity as the national religion, have erroneously declared that the statement of Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1892, "This is a Christian nation," is a decision of the court, whereas it was only a statement in the argument leading up to the decision of the court.

In a sermon at the centenary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, in 1889, Archbishop Ireland said: "Our work is to make America Catholic. . . . Our cry shall be, 'God wills it,' and our hearts shall leap with crusader enthusiasm."

The theory of the National Reformers is thus expressed: "Every government by equitable laws, is a government of God; a republic thus governed is of Him, and is as truly and really a *theocracy* as the commonwealth of Israel." - **"Cincinnati National Reform Convention," page 28**

10. How does this association regard the Catholic Church on this point?

"We cordially, gladly, recognize the fact that in South American republics, in France and other European countries the Roman Catholics are the recognized advocates of national Christianity, and stand opposed to all the proposals of secularism . . . *Whenever they are willing to cooperate in resisting the progress of political atheism, we will gladly join hands with them* in a world's conference for the promotion of national Christianity, which ought to be held at no distant day. Many countries could be represented only by Roman Catholics." - **Christian Statesman, December 11, 1884, official organ of the National Reform Association.**

11. What has the Pope commanded all Catholics to do?

"First and foremost, it is the duty of all Catholics worthy of the name and wishful to be known as the most loving children of the church . . . to endeavor to bring back all civil society to the pattern and form of Christianity which we have described." - **Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, "Immortale Dei," November 1, 1885, "The Great Encyclical Letters of Leo XIII," page 132.**

NOTE: The prophecy says that this power will make an *image* to the Papacy. In the days of Constantine and his successors, the church made use of the civil power to carry out her aims: through this means the Papacy was developed. In our own day the same theory is advocated, and prominent men in the nation, in both church and state, are doing all they can to bring about the same result, which, when their work is completed, cannot fail to fulfill the specifications of the prophecy. The climax will be an image of the Papacy.

12. What is the object of the International Reform Bureau?

"The Reform Bureau is the first 'Christian lobby' established at our national capital to speak to government in behalf of all denominations." - **"History of the International Reform Bureau," by its founder and superintendent Rev. W. F. Crafts, page 2.**

NOTE: The securing of compulsory Sunday legislation is one of the chief objects of this and other like organizations.

13. What are the objects of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States?

"(1) To preserve the Lord's day **[Sunday]** for America; (2) to secure an active Alliance in every State not yet organized; (3) to induce the general government as far as possible to set the example of Sabbath observance; (4) to press the rest-day feature of the fourth commandment, until every toiler in the land has guaranteed unto him fifty-two full rest days a year." - **From leaflet published by the Alliance.**

NOTE: By all of which is meant the securing, as far as possible, of compulsory State and national Sunday legislation, - the very means by which the church gained control of the state and by which church and state were united in the fourth and fifth centuries of the Christian era.

14. What is the purpose of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America?

"That the great Christian bodies of our country should stand together" in dealing with "questions like those of marriage and divorce, Sabbath desecration, social evils," etc. - **"Report of Federal Council" (1908), pages 5, 6.**

15. How does it propose that the matter of "Sabbath desecration" shall be dealt with?

"That all encroachments upon the claims and the sanctities of the Lord's day should be **stoutly resisted** through the **press**, the Lord's day associations and alliances, *and by such legislation as may be secured to protect and preserve this bulwark of our American Christianity.*" - **Id., page 103.**

NOTE: Thus it will be seen that the securing of laws for the enforcement of Sunday observance is a prominent feature in all these organizations in their efforts to "Christianize" the nation. In doing this many fail to see that they are repudiating the principles of Christianity, of Protestantism, and of the United States government, and playing directly into the hand of that power which originated the Sunday sabbath, and gained control of the civil power through Sunday legislation - the Papacy.