



The Foreign Church (Roman) Declaring War Upon Our National Public Schools, from "Harper's Weekly"

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**Primary Maker**  
Thomas Nast

**Medium**  
Wood engraving on newsprint

**Description**  
Captioned "Foreign Priest. 'The present system of Public Schools is a curse to the country and a flood-gate of atheism and sensuality, and of civil, social, and / national corruption; and the Children turn out to be learned horse-thieves, scholastic counterfeiters, and well posted in schemes of devilry.' / Uncle Sam. 'Don't talk so loud. Investigate these institutions, and you'll find them filled from the 'Greek' and Roman Schools" typeset beneath title in black ink.

**Dimensions**  
Composition: 8 1/2 x 13 3/4 in. (21.6 x 34.9 cm) Sheet: 15 3/4 x 10 15/16 in. (40 x 27.8 cm)