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destroy or narrow its interstate trade, and were, therefore, in restraint of interstate commerce. The decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals was reversed, and injunctive relief granted.

CHURCH AND STATE

"I believe in the worship of God according to the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic Church. I recognize no power in the institutions of my Church to interfere with the operations of the Constitution of the United States or the enforcement of the law of the land.

"I believe in absolute freedom of conscience for all men, and in equality of all churches, all sects, and all beliefs before the law as a matter of right, and not as a matter of favor.

"I believe in the absolute separation of Church and State and in the strict enforcement of the provisions of the Constitution, that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

"I believe that no tribunal of any Church has any power to make any decree of any force in the law of the land other than to establish the status of its own communicants within its own Church.

"I believe in the support of the public school as one of the cornerstones of American liberty. I believe in the right of every parent to choose whether his child shall be educated in the public school or in a religious school supported by those of his own faith.

"I believe in the principle of noninterference by this country in the internal affairs of other nations, and that we should stand steadfastly against any such interference by whomsoever it may be urged.

"And I believe in the common brotherhood of man under the common fatherhood of God.

"In this spirit I join with fellow-Americans of all creeds in a fervent prayer that never again in this land will any public servant be challenged because of the faith in which he has tried to walk humbly with his God."—Governor Smith's reply.

REFERENDUMS

Perhaps no better illustration of the unsatisfactory results obtainable by referendums could be cited than that disclosed by the attempt to refer the matter of determining the deceased jurist who should represent North Dakota in one of the volumes of *Corpus Juris*. Six weeks after ballots were sent out, return postage being provided, only sixteen per cent of the attorneys of the State had voted; and yet we sanctimoniously announce, upon occasion, that the cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy and periodically pule concerning the indifference of voters at other elections.

PLAN FOR ANNUAL MEETING NOW

President McIntyre advises that the 1927 annual meeting of the State Bar Association will be held on the 7th and 8th or the 8th and 9th of September, the exact dates being somewhat dependent on the convenience of the principal speakers. The members of the Association are urgently requested to plan now for their attendance and participation at the session. The meeting will be held at Grand Forks.