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A Good Sign.
Most gratifying are the repudiation by individual Protestant clergymen of the narrow and bigoted and fulminations of the Presbyterian and Lutheran official bodies in reply to President Roosevelt's spirited rebuke to correspondents who sought to convey the idea that no Catholic ever should be elevated to the Presidency.

The independent comes out with a scathing denunciation of the Presbyterians and Lutherans. Grudgingly, but nevertheless to the point is the following utterance of the Methodist Christian Advocate:

If any great form of religion now existing should turn itself into a political organization, form secret societies for the control of the government, command its votaries how to vote, call down curses of heaven upon them if they dared to vote otherwise than instructed, and subtly, as an organization, endeavor to ensnare every candidate nominated for election, and require everyone of its members in every sphere of life to take instructions from it as to voting, and conducting themselves in public office, we mean if any religion, Jewish or Christian, should thus become a controlling force which demanded the diversion of the public funds to its own purposes, either upon the direct line with arrogance and publicity or obliquely by personal seductions; it would be a proper thing for all other religions and all citizens with no religion to refuse to vote for a candidate thus enchained.

But in the absence of any of these things, or such like things, we should agree that it is equally superfluous and narrow to refuse to vote for any thorough-going upright and fit man because he happens to have a particular religious creed.

Whether it be from natural lack of bigotry or whether it be because of wholesome respect for the Catholic strength in the United States, it is gratifying to have the silly outbreaks of the Presbyterians and Lutherans.

Possibly, the incident may open our Catholic eyes to the fact that bigotry is not dead and also may tend to keep us in the straight and narrow way. We must not give our opponents the slightest choice to criticize us in any way.

Appreciated.
In a recent issue The London Catholic Times takes this sensible view of the relation of Catholics to the politics of the United States:
"Religion, like every other subject that was thought likely to influence voters, played a part in the great contest out of which Mr. Taft has come triumphantly. It was laid as a charge against him by political opponents that he is a Unitarian and others—sectarians of the Protestant Alliance type—found fault with him because he happened to have near relatives who are Catholics. The electors, who have given a lesson in religious tolerance, and President Roosevelt has been emphasizing it. He affirms that all an elector is entitled to know is whether the

man who seeks his suffrage lives a clean, upright life. The candidate's religion is a matter which lies between him and his Maker. Catholic and Jew sit side by side in President Roosevelt's cabinet, and he is convinced that Catholics and Jews will be amongst the future Presidents of the Republic. The President's sentiments as to religious liberty will commend themselves to the citizens of the United States as reasonable and broad-minded, and we have no doubt the prophecy will come true. For a practicing Catholic the difficulty of receiving success in politics is great, but not insurmountable. The honest man, who sternly adheres to principle and disdains unworthy stratagems, often comes to the front in the end amidst the temptations and pitfalls of politics it is not easy for such a man at first to make headway. He needs a strong character and dogged determination."

Beware!
Not so bad advice is this from the True Voice:
"After the school-girl age heart-to-heart confidences are inexcusable. The woman who weeps on your shoulder and tells you how unappreciated she is at home or the one who wants to confide how she has loved and suffered, and gives choking sobs and wrings her hands, all very well upon the stage, but off it they are the sign of perverted egotism and cheap emotionalism.

The woman who has loved and suffered, and who lives with a broken heart, and whose husband is a "mere man" to use her own phraseology, provided that she does not call him an "insensate wretch," is usually eating three square meals a day, with a little supper besides, and taking considerably more interest in her frocks and her coiffure than a broken heart would warrant.

"She loves to tell the story however, loves to picture herself as a misunderstood and ill-treated being, when in reality she is a selfish, vain woman, who knows nothing about real suffering, and is merely posing, after using the broken heart as an excuse for flirtation with impressionable youths.

"Hypocrisy in a man is bad but in a woman it is dreadful, if only the because the average male believes us only a little lower than the angels."

The recent competitive examination for thirty vacant clerkships on the Great Northern Railway of Ireland appears to have resulted in the appointment of twenty Catholics. This average has been attained in all the examinations held since the House of Commons, at the instance of Mr. McVeagh, M. P., compelled the railway company to open their clerkships to competitive examinations.

The Catholic Journal extends its regrets to Division Engineer John P. Kelly upon the death of his esteemed father, P. J. Kelly, of Buffalo, long one of the most influential members of the C. M. B. A. in New York state.

Mayor Rose of Milwaukee, is possessed of a liberal mind and a fine sense of discrimination. At a recent Catholic school dedication in his city Mayor Rose said he believed that with 36,000 children in the public schools and over 20,000 in the parochial institutions, it is short-sighted public policy that demands parents that send their children to the schools of their choice to place upon themselves a double burden of taxation.

Charles A. Korbly who defeated Overstreet for congress in Indianapolis, Ind., is the first Catholic elected to congress from the Hoosier capital. He is only 35 years of age, was educated at St. Joseph's College, and has practiced law since 1900.

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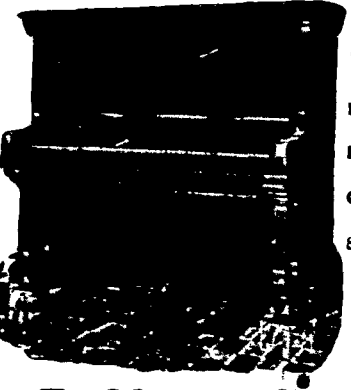
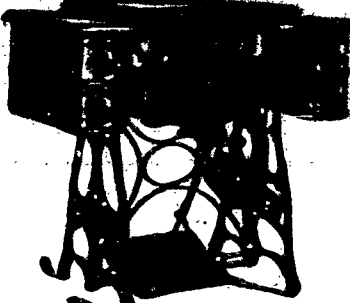
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