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Absurd. What would be thought of a political party which went into a campaign without a platform...

It would be the laughing stock of the campaign, if not of the generation.

Churches must stand for something or they must fall. There can be no organization without a declaration of principles.

It is because of her dogmas and principles, because she stands for something and has stood for that since the days of Christ...

Professor Elliot's "New Religion," whether he so means it or not, aims at the ultimate destruction of the Christian faith and Archbishop Ryan thus describes what happens when faith is lost.

"As faith diminishes suicide must increase. Statistics show us that in ten years it increased 30 per cent in Germany. It is increasing in France, and will increase in proportion as faith loses its hold upon the children of men.

It is known that among Germans who endeavor to set out their faith as the Catholics and Lutherans, suicide is almost unknown. So that it is not to be attributed to a national temperament, but to loss of faith and of hope which makes life wearisome.

Some. It is remarked of the Irish, who have faith that suicide is almost unheard of among them, and this is to be attributed, at least to a great extent, to the influence of that faith upon them in the hour of their trying afflictions.

"Doctrines are as the granite foundation to the whole edifice of Christian ethics, and with them that edifice must stand or crumble into ruins. What underlies the value of holy childhood but the doctrine that the child has an immortal soul? Abolish this, look at the child only in the light of its utility to the State and soon infanticide will commence again, and deformed children will be put to death when men shall have lost the tenderness which Christianity has produced and fostered."

Ludicrous. Educated persons do well to shun the so-called cheap magazines. Oftentimes, an entire issue does not contain a page that appeals to an educated person or that would prove of lasting benefit to an uneducated person seeking intellectual advancement.

When Frank Munsey confined his publications to light and improbable fiction, they furnished recreative if not valuable reading. When he ventured further afield his publications began to founder.

Cartoonists in Boston cannot be as clever as those on the Rochester press, else why this criticism from the Boston "Pilot": "Good caricature bids fair soon to become a lost art. Time was when a picture of this kind told its own story. But the sort that are being put before us in the local journals need large letters to tell us what they all mean. If you caricature a man or an issue and it is well done, people see the point and laugh, but when it is badly done, they see nothing but the spite which guided the pencil of the artist."

We like to dwell on the words of President Taft, says Propagation of the Faith, because they show each breadth of thought and liberality: "One of the greatest disasters of the Philippines has been the destruction of the Catholic churches. The Church there is an instrument for

the formal ceremony. But there was another kind of betrothal, known to theologians as sponsalia de presente. According to this, if there were an actual betrothal, the pair might have the privileges and rights of marriage immediately, if only they sincerely meant to be married in the future.

The Catholic and correct statement is given by the Boston Pilot as follows: "This whole doctrine is wrong, so wrong indeed that no educated man in America can be excused for not being aware of it. Betrothal, or as it is called, sponsalia, can never be anything more than a promise of future marriage, and is binding when made with all the formalities prescribed by the church. But it is never a marriage, nor is it equivalent in any manner to a marriage. Hence persons betrothing themselves even with the most formal ceremonies can never have the privileges and rights of marriage before the actual contract of marriage has been entered into."

Reverence. More and more are thinking and sincere Protestants coming to study the Catholic Church even though they may not intend to agree with its declaration of principles without something to stand upon.

In a recent sermon the Rev. E. A. Hanson of a Congregational Church in St. Louis paid this compliment to Catholics: "Catholics can teach us much in respect and reverence for church buildings. Protestants enter and leave their churches with about as much reverence as they enter and leave a street car."

Wireless telegraphy summoned a priest to quarantine in New York harbor where the wife of Rear Admiral Putts of the United States Navy lay sick unto death.

According to the religious statistics furnished by the United States Census Bureau the Catholic population has increased 84 per cent since 1870. This looks good but the complete figures make us believe that the real increase was much larger.

MEMORIAL TO PIONEER PRIESTS. Monument unveiled on the Site of Jesuit Mission.

The missionaries efforts of the Jesuits and their sufferings among the froquots who once reigned over what is now New York state were commemorated, Thursday afternoon by the unveiling of a memorial cross at Boughton Hill just south of the village of Victor. It is one of the first memorials of the kind to be erected in this part of the state and there were present delegations from the Canandaigua, Victor and Rochester Historical Societies.

The Rev. J. F. Dougherty, of Canandaigua, was in charge of the arrangements, and there were present Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, of Rochester and Rev. John H. O'Rourke, of New York. A noted speaker of the result order N. S. Olds, of the Rochester Historical Society spoke on the Expedition of De Benoni.

Bishop Hickey unveiled the monument, loosening the folds of an American flag draped over the cross. The exercises took place on the porch of Herman Green's residence. Father Dougherty took occasion to thank Mr. Simons, who purchased the ground on which the monument stands.

Auburn, N. Y. All of the parochial schools of the city with the exception of St. Mary's were opened for the fall term on Wednesday. St. Mary's school will reopen on Monday next.

Sister M. Josephine of Rochester was a visitor to her home in this city during the week.

Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, has opened its fall meetings and from now on the meetings will be each Thursday night. The good work of the baseball team of the council during the past summer brought the order before the public. The series between the local lodge and the Elks resulted in a clean victory for the Knights. The out of town games were won by the Auburn team in fine style.

The regular monthly collections of the Holy Family Church was taken up at each of the masses on last Sunday.

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The Holy Hour services at St. Mary's Church each Thursday evening from 7:45 to 8:45 are attended by large numbers of worshippers.

Summer services at Cayuga will continue as long as the weather permits. The services this summer were a source of convenience to campers at the lake.

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The preservation of peace and good order. The Catholic Church stands for the great Christianizing force of the world. While not myself a member of that Church, no one who has observed her work among the people of the country can fail to appreciate the enormous power which it is exercising for the country's good.

The Sacred Heart Review gives good advice in this paragraph: "Oh, they all do it" is the cry with which people answer you when you speak of some civic crime, some case of graft in which a Catholic politician may be involved. But this is no excuse for malfeasance on the part of the Catholic (Catholics in public life should be seen above suspicion. And the people who condone their crimes with the complacent cry: "Oh, they all do it" are to blame if things are not as they should be.

Sympathy of the Catholics of the city is extended to Rev. E. A. Hanson of St. Mary's in the death of his brother Vincent.

The Catholic Transcript has this to say of Governor Illey's veto of a wide open Sunday law: "The buildings Protestants enter and leave their churches with about as much reverence as they enter and leave a street car."

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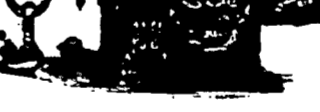
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