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Eliot.
Former President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, is an unhappy man. He has not succeeded in imposing his "New Religion" upon any considerable proportion of the human race, at least not in the civilized world. His successor in Harvard, President Lowell, has reversed his predecessor's educational policy in great part or has started in to do so. Dr. Eliot would have extended the elective system to colleagues and secondary schools. President Lowell would restrict that system in universities because he says it results in pupil acquiring a smattering of many subjects but little learning in any one. Possibly that it is one of the faults of the public school system in Rochester and elsewhere.

An exchange has resurrected this bit of a filing perpetuated by Dr. Eliot in "The Atlantic Monthly" some years ago when he was advocating the extension of the elective system to colleges and secondary schools: There are those who say that there should be no election of studies in secondary schools. This is precisely the method followed in Moslem countries, where the Koran prescribes perfect education to be administered to all children alike. The prescription begins in the primary schools and extends straight through the university and almost the only mental power cultivated is memory. Another instance of uniform prescribed education may be found in the curricula of the Jesuit colleges which has remained almost unchanged for hundred years, disregarding some trifling concessions to natural sciences. That these examples are both ecclesiastical is not without significance. Nothing but an unhesitating belief in the divine wisdom of such prescriptions can justify them; for no human wisdom is equal to contriving a prescribed course of study equally good for even two children of the same family between the ages of eight and eighteen.

The Catholic Standard and Times calls attention to the fact that the Society of Jesus was not in existence 400 years ago as it was not instituted until 1540 and its famous course of studies was not fixed upon until 1599. That is not Dr. Eliot's only error. Father Brosnahan points out that he is mistaken in his assertion that there has been no change in the Jesuit curriculum. In Georgetown University 47 per cent of the class time is now devoted to modern studies in science, economics and other departments of profane learning. Professors Dwight, Harper, Thuring and Lowell and other eminent teachers are at variance with Dr. Eliot. So the Jesuits are not alone in their class.

Is It Bigotry?
While no open attack is made upon Colonel Richard C. Kerens, the noted son of Missouri, who has been named as our ambassador to Amastria, because of his Catholicity, we wonder if that is not the underlying motive. The ostensible charge laid at Colonel Kerens' door as to why he should not enter the diplomatic service is that he is a politician and that he has been a large contributor to republican campaign funds. True, that is no reason why he should be appointed ambassador, but it is equally true that, if he is fitted for the post, these facts constitute no valid reason why he should not be named. Washington, Lincoln, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft surely were not unacquainted with the workings of practical politics yet they were not deemed disqualified thereby for the presidency of the United States, a position far more exalted than any diplomatic post. Men may contribute to the legitimate expenses of their party canvasses without ulterior motive being alleged.

Colonel Kerens is well qualified to fill any diplomatic position and has wealth enough to maintain ambassadorial dignity. His social position at home is assured and his charming wife and daughter will be able to dispense hospitalities to even the crowned heads of Europe. Moreover, Colonel Kerens' Catholicity should add to his availability, all other qualifications being equal. Vienna may be called a Catholic court and an ambassador of that faith would be more likely to be persona grata to Emperor Joseph than one of opposite religion. Then let us have no revival of the A. P. Campaign. Justice McKenna was attacked but he has made good. Charles J. Bonaparte was a bitter pill but he made good. So will Colonel Kerens make good.

Case of Leopold.
Many American papers have affected to be greatly scandalized over the life of old King Leopold of Belgium who no matter what went before, died repentant and with the last rites of the Church. The New York Sun shows a better spirit when it says: "Nothing can matter more than saving a soul, and the Catholic Church has always shown great charity in granting absolution at the moment of death and in accepting indications of repentance. It has never shown lack of pluck in dealing with scandalous immorality. It made Louis XIV., the Grand Monarque, the Roi Soleil, at the height of his power put away the Montespian before it would grant him the last rites. King Leopold would have remained unshriven if he had not made right before the Church a union that justly offended his people." Upon this the True Voice comments very pertinently: That gives a fair and unprejudiced estimate of the matter. Perhaps Leopold was not all that he should have been. But if there was anything wrong in his life, he set it right before the Church gave him the last sacraments. The Church does not repel the sinner if he is truly repentant and willing to do all in his power to repair his faults. But she is uncompromising with wrong when it is persisted in. The history of her dealing with more powerful monarchs than Leopold proves that, had she been willing to connive at the divorce and remarriage of Henry VIII., the history of England would have been different. Those people who are looking for scandal in the life of Leopold may find it, but the Church made no compromise with sin in his case.

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50 inches long. Made of beautiful selected skins with rich brown luster.

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36 inches long. Made of heavy selected skins with rich brown luster.

\$65.00 Nearseal Coats, \$49.50

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Anniversary of the Death of Bishop M. Quaid was in St. Joseph's Cemetery

The first anniversary of the death of Bishop M. Quaid was commemorated last Tuesday in the Cathedral. Bishop Healy celebrated pontifical high mass assisted as follows: Assistant priest Very Rev. D. J. Curran, A. G. deacons of honor Rev. Wm. Kessel, S. S. R. of St. Joseph's and Very Rev. Wm. H. McDonald, R. D. M. R. of Geneva.

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