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## Work Ahead!

Notwithstanding that the Catholic hierarchy and clergy kept neutral, in official sense, during the late campaign and that the Catholic press made it plain that the Catholic Church per se was not interested in the campaign, nevertheless the bigots made Governor Smith's candidacy their excuse for assailing and abusing the Catholic Church albeit they Communications solicited from all Catholics accompanied in every instance by the name of the contributor withheld.

Smith was wet, Mr. Hoover dry; that Governor Smith was not college bred, while Mr. Hoover was; that Governor Smith wanted to loosen the immigration restrictions to admit more persons from Southern Europe, while Mr. Hoover favored the Anglo-Saxon immigrants.

But that Governor Smith's membership in the Catholic Church was the real target of the "evangelical Protestants" so-called, and the "intellectual snobs" is proven by the quotations which are herewith cited:

Lady Nancy Astor, expatriated Virginia lady, now housed in the British peerage, although drawing her revenues from American holdings is quoted in the English press: "Although a Virginia Democrat, I am delighted with the result. It was a definite vote for Protestantism, prohibition and prosperity."

The Montgomery, Ala., "Advertiser" says: "This country is Republican, it is Protestant" as explaining the result of the vote in November.

Under the caption: "The Religious Century," an article in the Christian Century, had this to say:

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## Good Advice

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