

election; then go further to show where such propositions as made in my letter would lead.

"Careful reading of my letter to you, your secretary's reply and the commencement of your letter of November 6, clearly shows the reason assigned was not the only reason you had for postponing answering my letter until after the election.

"You say you selected my letter because it contained both objections, namely, that Taft is a Unitarian, and in sympathy with the Catholics. By referring to my letter you will find that the word Unitarian does not appear in it. I have no objections to your singling it out and using it as a sort of clearing house for all letters on that subject, but I do object to your misquoting it, which may be the result of having received so many letters on the same subject.

**As to Unitarianism**  
 "History shows us that if Unitarianism disqualified one from rendering service to his country, then Horace Mann, one of the foremost educators of America, would have been shut out; David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university; Carl D. Wright, president of Clark college, and many other professors and the last seven presidents of Harvard university, including President Elliot, who has just resigned after forty years of service, during which he won for himself the foremost position in the field of American education. Then again, think how much our national congress is indebted to Edward Everett, Charles Sumner,

Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun and George F. Hoar, all Unitarians, and fourteen of the governors of Massachusetts, including John A. Andrew, the great war governor, belonged to the same denomination; seven of the supreme justices of the supreme court, many associate justices have been adherents of the Unitarian faith; many illustrious names which have alike graced the history of our nation. I do not wish to deny or rob the Unitarian church of any good or benefit it has been to the world or done for the world; but after admitting all the claims of the Unitarian church, then I ask all Evangelical Protestant churches, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Disciples, Episcopal, etc. (as well as Roman Catholics)—since the very vital questions which I have heretofore named, are foundations upon which these churches rest, if they can consistently cast aside all the fundamental doctrines of their church and support a man who denies what they acknowledge to be their duty to their God? That is a question for the churches to answer. And, in the event that these churches or members of these churches should decide that their duty to God stands paramount to all things else and declare they would not support a man for the chief executive of the United States who does not believe in their religion and in their God, denying the doctrine of the Trinity, or three persons in one God, and all the fundamental doctrines of their church, I say, Mr. President, will you dare go on record as branding them as foul slanderers of their countrymen and of narrow bigotry? If not them, why me?

"Now, Mr. President, you say I foully slander my fellow countrymen and that I am guilty of narrow bigotry when I say the mass of the voters who are not Catholics, will not support a man for any office, especially for president of the United States, who is a Roman Catholic. I repeat; I believe nine-tenths of the voters of the United States, including all religious beliefs, will say I state a fact, and in your own heart after due thought you will agree with me.

"So far, Mr. President, I have only cited part of the mass of the non-Catholic evidence to support the truth of the statement I made, that the mass of non-Catholics would not support a Roman Catholic for any office, especially for president of the United States, and for this assertion you choose to brand me as foully slandering my fellow countrymen and of narrow bigotry. I now desire to call your attention to a small part of the evidence offered by the Catholics. I quote from the Catholic Columbian of November 13, 1908, published at Columbus, Ohio: 'When however, the president characterizes as foul slander the assertion that the mass of non-Catholic voters will not support a Catholic for any office, especially for president, he goes too far.' Now, Mr. President do you want to go on record as branding the Catholic Columbian as foully slandering its fellow countrymen and of narrow bigotry? If not, why me?

"The following questions and answers are taken from the Catholic Columbian and of the same date named above: 'What prevented the nomination to the presidency of William Tecumseh Sherman? The fact that he had a Catholic wife and a Jesuit son. What side-tracked General Philip Sheridan from political honors? The fact that he was a Catholic. What defeated the presidential ambition of Hon. Richard Bland—'Silver Dick'? The fact that he had a Catholic family. And urging this fact as an objection to his candidacy, a son of the great Allen G. Thurman of Ohio was conspicuous. What prevented the nomination of Justice McKenna as secretary of the interior after a pledge to that effect

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