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the organization required. He retained withdrawal stopped reform. military discipline, obedience to a superior officer, officer's titles, a uniform etc. This perfect organization, together bishops of this church have begun an with the love that all crude nature has aggressive crusade against intemperance. for display and the also universal but Devoted but isolated Catholic leaders much fainter love of righteousness that have preached and practised self-denial humanity has, seem to be the reasons before but never with such unanimity for the success of the army. An organ- and vigor has the church in Italy.France ization at present strong and potenti- Germany and the United States taken trolled by any one, however good, resid- times are medicinal or they could not ing in London, England. If he be good effect a body still under the lethargic in-

the movements and policy of a religiousmilitary organization in another country. If he be a bad English citizen he would be a bad American citizen. In either case foreign dictatorship is detestable and Americans will not have it. If General Booth Sr., attempt it it will probably result in destroying the official relations between the armies of England and America. Their spiritual fraternity would not be affected by the severance of official ties any more than it was when the Episcopal church of America decided to render no tithes or service to the church in Engiand and that all the authority was resident in America.

In view of the outcry made by prot- Since the war of the rebellion there estants against popish interference in has been nothing to make men melothis country's affairs it will be interest. dramatically heroic and it does look as ing to see if the Catholics say anything if these times were worse than those concerning General Ballington Booth's twenty-five or thirty years ago. But we recall to England by his father, the or- are too near to judge. Small things ganizer of the Salvation Army move- look large and large things are blurred. ment. No one on this side appears to Nothing exactly like America has ever know why he is recalled and perhaps been tried before, nor that for so very surmises are not worth paying much at- long, but "all history teaches" that if tention to, but General Booth senior is this experiment fail something better said to object to the rapid Americaniz- will take its place. I mean all history ation of the order in this country and to from the first beast-man-that could be be jealous of his own son, and on that called a man to the present, teaches that son's return to England he is said to we are marching upward. As bad as have in readiness a man thoroughly France is today it is better than pre-English and who will stay English, to revolutionary France. English politics send as the general in command of the were never so free from corruption as American Salvationists. If Father today. There was a time in the Fif-Booth thinks he can keep the Salvation teenth century when the Catholic army of America englicised and sub- church had Alexander VI for its spiritordinate to the authority of a British ual head. How impossible such a pope officer he would better study the history would be today. The Catholic church of Geo. IV and his failure to keep Amer- is the most conservative and self-satisica a colony. The organization of the fied of any religious or civil organization Salvation army is as strong as that of that I know of. Of course all churches the Catholic church. The principle of have a complacent air. Otherwise conobedience to superiors is one of the verts might be fewer. But Luther dischief elements of its strength. It is a couraged reform inside the Catholic close copy of the British army in its church. The protestants by rebelling, hierarchy, promotion, duties of officers, increased the rigidity of the church and size of companies. This model, per- which has remained practically the same fected by centuries of experiment on from that day to this. Luther was only real battlefields, marches, camps and one of a number of churchmen who garrisons, was adopted by General Booth were attempting at that time to reform and modified as far as the real object of the church from the inside. His entire

In the last ten years the priests and

Politics in the United States are in a bad way. Municipal city government has been a fester in all the cities of the country excepting in those inland New England towns in which the population and the church membership list coincided. City councils are a little more careful to cover up evidences of corruption than they were twenty-five years ago. They feel that the large stupid but exacting eye of the public is upon them. They do not commit the robberies they used to, not because they are better, but because they are watched. There are sturdy men in the United States and Get up on top of a high mountain, Mr. in the house of representatives. It is are hors du concours. They prove nothing except that once in three hundred years or so God himself makes a man and breathes genius into him. Leaving out Webster, the men of the the day will match any name in your "good old days" list. Conkling, John Sherman, Grant, Tilden, Whitney, Evarts, Lodge, Cleveland, Plumb of Kansas and our own W. J. Bryan are names that future generations will quote as great and honest statesmen.



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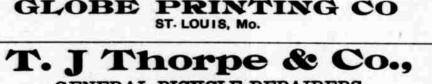
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