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A church dignitary in this city who, by office at least, assumes a sort of churchly pre-eminence, recently asked a member of our congregation where it was he attended church. A frank reply elicited something like the following from the enquirer: "The Congregationalists are a very good people, but they have no creed; you should not belong to a church which has no creed." Now if it was meant that we have no man made creed which we compel persons to repeat as a shibboleth of faith, it was true, for we have none. Was it meant, however, that we have no agreement as to faith and doctrine, a great mistake was made. As *Protestants* of Protestants we claim that the Bible is our creed, and as true Catholics we will have no other. And what are the results? That none hold the cardinal doctrines of the Scriptures with greater unity and tenacity than do Congregationalists; that over and over again for the past three hundred years have these doctrines been boldly announced by mutual agreement; that deflection from the faith of Apostolic Christianity to Romanism is unknown among us; that there is with us greater unity in the faith than in any of the creed-clad churches; and, finally, that we are not forced to subscribe to strong Calvinistic articles of faith and adopt Armenian sentiments, or to a Protestant formula while in heart and practice many are Romanists—and we are saved from that subterfuge of Jesuitism of maintaining a mental reservation, while an iron-clad oath is taken which it is not intended to keep. It was at a great price our fathers purchased back this freedom for us, first purchased by our Lord, and we intend to hold it most sacredly.

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Owing, no doubt, to the various and sudden climatic changes during the past winter, much sickness has pre-