

Catholics in the cities, politicians pay large prices; for it is a fact that, in 1866, the corporation of New York city had granted the sum of \$124,000 to Roman Catholic institutions in that city, and to all other denominations of Christians and Jews the sum of \$4,000. They had also voted the sum of \$5,000 towards the building fund of the Young Men's Christian Association, which, to their honor be it said, they indignantly refused; and further, that during six months of the present year they had granted to these Roman Catholic institutions the sum of \$100,000. And this system was not confined to the Eastern States; for in the new Western States of Idaho and Colorado, we find the Legislatures of each giving \$30,000 for the support of Roman Catholic schools. And the increase of their ecclesiastical institutions on this continent has been enormous during the past half century. But they do not stop here. The energy of American Romanism is boundless. It outruns the advancing tide of our civilization, so that we learn by experience the truth of the European proverb, "Discover a desert island, and a priest is waiting for you on the shore." It is dotting the western prairies with churches, and convents, and religious houses. An article in a recent magazine informs us that an American "saw two years ago, at Rome, a better map of the country west of the Mississippi, than he ever saw at home, upon which the line of the Pacific Railroad was traced, with every spot dotted where a settlement would naturally gather, and a conjecture recorded as to its probable importance." Last year the poor Roman Catholics on the other side sent to the old man at the Vatican over \$3,000,000. These were facts showing the power of Popery on this Continent. The young men connected with these organizations have to study the craft and wiles which marked this system and oppose its machinations to the utmost. And what weapons had they to do battle with. Ah, thank God, they had the sword of the Spirit, the "old old story" of the Saviour's love, and the Holy Spirit to move men's hearts. When we went to Ann Arbor after the Detroit Convention, the engine that drew the train, bore on its front this beautiful christian emblem "The Cross and the Bible," and over the western plains that device is being carried forward with the iron horse. Let the Cross and the Bible ever be upheld by their young men. These weapons were mighty, through God, to the pulling down of Satan's strongholds. The truth of God is full of power and must conquer, only we must as *men* "stand fast," be strong, and if faithful to our trust and faithful even unto death we shall inherit a crown of life. (Applause.)

A collection was then taken up and the Hymn, "Shall we gather at the River" sung with much spirit by the audience, and the President called upon

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