



## CATHOLICISM THE ONLY REFUGE.

**R**ELIGIONISTS in America are now divided into two great camps, the Catholic and non-Catholic. One camp is held by a disciplined army ; the other by discordant cohorts resembling a mob. The situation daily grows in gravity. Few seem to realize the fact, yet we view a situation that never before was witnessed in the history of the world. When too late, non-Catholics may realize the solemnity of the present times.

In the meanwhile the example of men like Professor Giffert and Dr. Hillis, in abandoning false associations, is significant. It proves that all are not lost to moral considerations ; for it is notorious that the honesty that would not do duty in a corrupt political party is ample for membership in not a few sects, wherein men remain false to conscience for loaves and fishes.

Every departure of men like those mentioned is morally encouraging ; but may any other significance be attached to such cases ? Is there any sign of a general movement for a revised creed to meet, on a low plane, a failing faith ?

Yes, says the preacher of Madison square, let us have a new creed composed of a few of the " essentials." A " few " will answer ; but on this advice non-Catholics will find the descent to Avernus easy. There is a wild unrest, but a revised creed does not mean unity and peace.

Thus far every attempt at unity has signally failed, notably the Episcopalian Chicago-Lambeth plan, rudely repelled by the recognition of the fact that the Episcopal body was simply a part of a house divided against itself, and without the right to suggest, much less dictate terms.