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this common practice in the reports sent out from Washington relative to Mrs. Admiral Dewey's alleged apostasy from the Catholic Church. The facts, as I obtained them from one competent to speak on the subject, are that Mrs. Dewey has not left the Catholic Church. She has not joined St. John's Episcopal Church; nor has she given up her pew at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Whether the correction will be so widely published as was the false statement is doubtful, if we may judge from experience. The authors of this falsehood knew they were forging a double-edged sword which would cut whether the story were believed or not; they expected the report to be denied and the fact thus established that Mrs. Dewey is a Catholic, trusting to the bigotry of the people to refuse to elect a man with a Catholic wife. If the Presidential campaign is to be inaugurated with such unjustifiable falsehoods, we may form some impression of what will be its history.

When a gentleman, who is in a position to authoritatively deny this early campaign falsehood, was asked why he did not do so, he replied:

"Mr. Smith, what is the use to attempt to deny any statement politicians make? If you commence by denying misstatements you will be kept busy all the time."

We must admit there is much truth in this conclusion, and I have corrected the falsehood only in the interest of the Catholic press. Very respectfully yours,

MILTON E. SMITH.  
Branchville, Md., April 16, 1900.

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From The Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

The following communication, which bears the signature of a Catholic journalist well known in Washington circles, is self-explanatory:

Editor Catholic Standard and Times.

One naturally has a right to expect that American manhood will ever respect woman, and that even in the height of a hotly contested political campaign the privacy of the firesides of candidates will be sacred from the pollution of the battle. And yet when we glance at the history of political campaigns in this country we find that nothing is too sacred for the scandal mongers of the press.

What the voter should wish to know are the principles of the candidates, their fitness for the office to which they aspire, and their moral worth. The home circle should most assuredly be spared, for as according to the old law "A man's house is his castle, the threshold of which the King with his army cannot cross, except in accordance with the law," so it should be shielded from the assaults of the politicians who are ever ready to strike through a woman's heart to reach a political enemy.

We have recently had an exhibition of