"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselv's as others see us!" Burns

A mutual friend, after reading No 7 of the "Basis" writes me as follows: "So far I do not indorse all that I have read in the Basis, especially the articles in favor of the Catholic Church, I have no faith whatever in the citizenship of the members of that organization, so long as they retain allegiance to the pope of Rome No matter how often they take the oath of allegiance to the United States, or work with Anti Saloon Leagues or Good Government Clubs, they never loose sight of the one and only object, to make this a Catholic Country! It is time the people of this country should realize that they have a dangerous enemy in their midst that may strain this nation more than "the sum of all villanies" American slavery did in the sixties." The writer sympathizes with you fully on the question of American slavery but like myself regards the present workings of Catholicism in this country & of the Pope in Rome as by far the more dangerous of the two.

I must confess that in some respects the conducting of the Basis has been sadly disappointing. Editorial it has been perfectly satisfactory but the average selection has fallen far below my ideal of what they ought to be in such a periodical.

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Take, for instance, "The Palace of Lazar" in No 13, the last received here. I cannot see a single redeeming feature in it, and I am confident that nine out of every ten of your subscribers will never read it. In the selected articles there seems to be a tendency to ignore anything that would be on the side of sound morality, and a bringing to the front the author of some obscene novel, or some writer on infidel fiction. To secure permanent success the Basis will have to stand squarely on the morality of the Bible so clearly as to be known and read of all its patrons. In that class of articles to which I object, there is much out of which to educate Good Citizens.

L.B.

Editor Basis:

Dear Sir:

I have written the foregoing because I am very anxious you should make the Basis a success, and hope that it will be regarded as coming from one of your true and ardent friends. I received a package of Sample Copies, which I distributing an opportunity presents itself.

Yours fraternally,

Clyde Kansas,
July 9, 1895.