

to whom we owe our first allegiance upon his being a man of character as well as ability. God's command to the citizens of this nation is this: "Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness;" to govern the people in the interests of righteousness. When such men can be found you can safely trust them; for they will serve as those who have to give an account. If history can be of any service to us in this connection, then its findings may be stated thus: "There is no surer sign of national demoralization, no more certain indication of approaching ruin, than the promotion of the unfit and the unworthy, and there is no healthier symptom than the advancement of the upright and the capable. The questions which every right-thinking man will ask himself before casting his ballot are: Has he ability? Does he fear God so that an oath of office will bind