

us from the fate of other great nations. No patriotism is worthy of the name which rests upon any platform lower than the one proclaimed nearly two thousand years ago by the Founder of Christian civilization. Puritanism, and not military success is the force which has made the British nation what it is to-day. Puritanism is characteristic of the best elements in both the Roman Catholic and the Protestant churches. As thus understood Puritanism is the salt of Democracy.

The future of Democracy is, however, hopeful. The press and the pulpit are powerful agencies for righteousness. The taste for good literature is improving. The danger of an ignorant electorate is demanding better educational facilities. An election campaign, though it exposes much that is bad, develops intelligence and character. Party managers are beginning to see the wisdom of putting in the field candidates of unsullied reputation. The platforms of both parties differs much less than formerly. The question for the electorate is becoming a choice of men, rather than a choice of measures. If righteousness counts we need have no fear of the out-look. If we believe in God, we should believe in men.

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