

before the nation's highest tribunal. It appears that "the State of Washington, which officially excludes the Bible from its public schools, will furnish the basis for the case. The line of attack will be based on the Declaration of Independence, which, it is maintained, is a covenant between the American nation and God. Hence, the study of the Bible by American children is held to be essential to an understanding of the covenant and to full knowledge of God. To exclude the Bible from the public schools, it is contended, is to violate one of the essential clauses of the opening paragraph of the Declaration of Independence."

Apart from any religious aspect of the subject, with which a legal journal has no concern, history demands the acceptance of the fact that an open Bible has proved to be, without doubt or cavil, the great elevating, educative ennobling and energising force which has given to the world its highest and best form of civilisation. All lovers of their country should be hopeful that the result of the test case may be to carry out the thought of those who drew the Declaration of Independence. It would be well, for the future of this Dominion if its children were given without stint the benefits of this great uplifting and purifying force.

CLASS LEGISLATION.

In an address delivered at the annual banquet of the Illinois Bar Association, Mr. Nicholas Murray Butler made some pertinent observations worthy of note in the present condition of things in this country.

As we all know, the game of party politics is an old one. Probably its origin is at least as ancient as that of the game of chess, hidden in the mists of bygone centuries; not however as respectable, if the saying of the elder Disraeli is to be accepted as correct. He said:—"Politics is the art of governing men by deceiving them." Speaking on the subject of politics in connection with "The changing foundations of Government," Mr Butler said:—"A labour party, or a farmers' party, is as un-democratic and as un-