

Dominion, because, keeping aloof from party questions of no abiding or real value, it has devoted itself to those higher questions that merge on the sphere of the moral and the spiritual—Protestantism, Temperance, and the Sabbath. These three are "the gold, the silver, and the precious stones" that will stand the fire; whereas, lower issues, contrary to those dictated by party views, are "the wood, the hay, and the stubble," which shall be burned.

"The American mind," says Carl Schurz, in his speech recently at Berlin, "is beginning more clearly than ever to understand that a mere form of government, however free, and however wisely devised, is not alone sufficient to secure the liberty, happiness, and greatness of a people; that an active public conscience is the true balance-wheel of free government; that popular institutions can safely stand only on a strong foundation of public virtue, and that the morality of a government must be ruled by the same principles which in private life form the character of a gentleman. It begins to be felt more strongly than ever that for the guidance of American affairs in such a period, a statesmanship is required which knows something higher and better to do than to feed efficient partisans with public plunder; a statesmanship that has

intelligence and knowledge enough to understand and appreciate the problems to be solved, and also moral courage and independence of spirit enough to treat those problems on their own merits, and not merely in their relations to party advantage. Nor is the number of those small whose hearts are full of the sentiment that parties are well in their way, and useful as long as they strive for power, only to use it for the public good, and not merely to possess it for their own enjoyment; but that, to serve his country is the best sense, every true American must recognize his duties as a patriot first, before he thinks of any obligation as a partizan."

It is one of the hopeful signs of our times, that the restless selfish activity of Priests, "Publicans," and unprincipled politicians are forcing Christians to higher ground and higher issues. It may not be our lot to see it, but the time is undoubtedly being hurried forward—and to some extent by the means taken to hinder it—when there shall be separation of Church and State in the Province of Quebec, when prohibition in some shape or other will be the law of the Dominion, when the Bible will be studied in our public schools, and when our immoderate and unchristian party strife will give place to patriotism and Christian statesmanship.