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PIETY IN POLITICS.

THE following extracts from the Episcopal address of Bishop Perry, of Iowa, is commended to the attention of those who would entirely exclude religion from politics and Church officials from the exercise of the rights and privileges of American citizenship:

"With political parties the Christian bishop, as a bishop, can have nothing to do. He possesses his right as a citizen in common with his fellow citizens. He is bound as a citizen to exercise wisely, faithfully and in the fear of God, those inestimable rights secured to him as well as others by our forefathers. But it does not become him to arraign or applaud one party or another save as the interests of the faith or church of God are concerned or assailed.

But there is a common ground above all party platforms or principles, where the Christian patriot may stand, and where his voice should utter no uncertain sound—the assertion of the right of the people to the enjoyment of liberty protected by law; the maintenance of good order and equal administration of justice; the repression of wrong-doing and the curbing of vice; the promotion of industry and the protection of honest dealing; the provision of an independent judiciary; the recognition of the right of the people to the best possible civil service on the ground that a public office is a public trust, and is not to be given as a reward for political or partizan services, but is due to one who can perform its duties and meet its responsibilities best; that the government is to be administered not for the advantage of the party in power, but for the people as a whole; that the man who gives or spends a dollar for the purchase of a vote is a traitor to his country and a foe to every freeman in the land; that the raising of money ostensibly for legitimate uses, but really to secure party triumphs at any price, "deals," trad-

ing for appointments to office by those who chance to be in power, and all the multiform appliances of the demagogue, the partisan, the political trickster and wire-puller—all these are to be discountenanced, reprov'd, assailed, proscribed by every freeman, and this is what the Christian patriot, priest or pishob, may rightly seek to accomplish by word or deed for the sake of the country, for the sacred cause of liberty—that posterity may receive unimpaired that which was secured at so great a cost for us.

We have no hesitation in claiming that Christianity is an element in politics, and that its claims to be considered must be maintained and enforced. The experiment of divorcing our public education from all recognition of our common Christianity is not so great a success as to warrant the attempt to eliminate the Christianity of our fathers from all recognition on the part of the State in other matters. In our fear that we may do injustice to the unbeliever, we wrong the Christian, who has rights to be respected as well as the infidel. * * * God give us the return to the purity of the first days of our dear native land. God grant that we may never as a nation, or as individual Christians, forget that our fathers trusted in God, and ascribed to Him their strength and success."

DEFENDING INIQUITY.

THE "Liberal" papers of Ogden City vehemently resent the strictures upon their city council by the "Liberal" organ in this city and manifest considerable ill-feeling. For once we felt that we could endorse the remarks of the latter journal, and we think they were mild and fair when the facts are duly considered. That Ogden has permitted if not openly countenanced and sheltered gamblers and prostitutes ever since the "Liberal" City Council was organized, is too palpable for any paper, no matter how "Liberal," to dispute. It has been a disgrace to the municipality and a scandal to all respectable people of either party. The endeavors of deputy-Marshal Pratt to break up the dens which multiplied so rapidly in Ogden after the last municipal election have been endorsed by the best people in the community both "Mormon" and "Gentle," in Ogden and in this city. And the anger of the "Liberal" organs at Ogden over this mal-odorous matter does

not reflect any credit on their party, and favors the idea that they consider these evils a benefit to a "live" city and something to be tolerated if not openly licensed.

We are opposed to such dens of iniquity, and so far as the "Liberals" of Utah are in earnest in trying to suppress them we are on their side and ready to applaud them.

We hope, although in the midst of partisan contention, to be able to recognize what is right and commendable even in the most adverse of our opponents. The work done by the deputies in Ogden was right and the support given to them by the "Liberal" organ here was prudent. If the Ogden exponents of "Liberal" sentiment were wise they would not exhibit any desire to support crime or disposition to cover up iniquity. Even at the risk of dictation from their Salt Lake superior they should be ready to echo its strong words of opposition to prevalent vices—in Ogden.

It will be well for Salt Lake City to see to it that the refuse from the city on the Weber does not find a permanent lodgment here to become a nuisance and a reproach. It has been stated—and that from "Liberal" sources—that the rejected gamblers have been welcomed by their fraternity here, and their votes are wanted to help swell the "Liberal" count in, next February. There may be something more in this than mere rumor.

Of course in the event of their camping here for the winter they would all support their own—the "Liberal" party, to which they naturally belong. There would be no outcry about "colonization" on their part, or any objection to their actual residence for registration purposes. They may not be under any "contract," but which way their "vote and influence" would be cast is well understood, and no blocks would be found in the way of their registration unless they should be placed there by vigilant watchers of the People's Party, and these should not be lacking. For if gamblers move here for a season in order to vote the "Liberal" ticket, are not the spirit and intent of the election laws violated, just as much as though these knights of the green cloth were simple grangers laboring here temporarily for a living?

Ogden needs purifying, but the work should not be done at the ex-