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A GREAT LETTER.

Political Parsons on the Rack.

JUDGE BLACK'S REPLY TO THE REV. DOCTOR NEVIN! Politics in the Pulpit Handled Without Gloves... To the Reverend Alfred Nevin, D. D. MY DEAR SIR: Your letter addressed to me through the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin disappoints me; because I did not expect it to come in that way, and because it does not cover the subject in issue between us...



HON. HIESTOR CLYMER.

Democratic Candidate for Governor of Penna.

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invaded, and conquered, and oppressed, and murdered, and robbed for centuries, merely because the English loved and believed in the Protestant religion? I suppose that you know that those brutal atrocities were carried on for the purpose of giving to political preachers in England, possession of the churches, cathedrae, glecte laica and tythes which belonged to the Irish Catholics. The soider was also rewarded by confiscations and plunder. The Church and the State entered in the same way, and the prey was divided between them.

I think the minister, in his pulpit discourses, is forbidden to touch at all upon that class of subjects which are purely political; such for instance as the banking law, tariff, railroad charters, State rights, the naturalization laws, and negro suffrage. These are questions of mere political expediency; religion takes no cognizance of them; they come within the sole jurisdiction of the statesman; and the church has no more right to take sides upon them than the civil government has to use its legislative, judicial or executive power for the purpose of enforcing principles wholly religious.

In short, if I am not entirely mistaken, a Christian minister has no authority to preach upon any subjects except those in which divine revelation has given him an infallible rule of faith and practice; and, even upon them he must speak always for the edification of his own hearers, "rightly dividing the word of truth," so as to lead them in the way of all righteousness. If he does more than this he goes beyond his commission, he becomes a scurvy politician, and his influence is altogether pernicious.

The use of the clerical office for the purpose of propagating political doctrines under any circumstances, or with any excuse, is in my judgment not only without authority, but it is the highest crime that can be committed against the government of God or man. Perhaps I ought not to make this broad assertion without giving some additional reasons for it. In the first place it is grossly dishonest. I employ you as a minister, pay your salary, and build you a church building, and you give me sermons instead of the fish I bargained for, you put in the same time wholly unfit for my political leader. Now, you are guilty of a base fraud upon me, if, instead of preaching religion, you take advantage of the position I have given you to ventilate your crude and ignorant notions on State affairs. I have asked for bread and you give me stones; instead of the fish I bargained for, you put in my hand a serpent that stings and poisons me.

It destroys the unity of the church. There is no room for rational dispute about the great truths of christianity; but men will never agree upon political subjects, for human government is at best but a compromise of selfish interests and conflicting passions. When you mix the two together you break the church into fragments, and instead of "One Lord, one faith and one baptism," you create a thousand warring sects, and substitute the political party for the unity of the church. "Charity which thinketh no evil." No one will deny that a Union of Church and State is always the cause of bad government, perverted religion and corrupt morals. I do not mean merely that legal union which exists in European countries. This is bad enough; but you have less common sense than I give you credit for, if you do not see that this adulterous connection assumes its most polluting form when the church is voluntarily prostituted by her own ministers to a political party in a popular government.

The evil influence of such connections on the church and State is easily accounted for. Both of them in combination will do what either would refuse to do if standing alone. A politician backed by the promise of the clergy to sustain him can safely defy honesty and trample upon law, for do what he may, he is assured of clerical support. The church, on the other hand, and those who are under their influence, easily acquire the habit of praising indiscriminately whatever is done by their public men. Acting and reacting on one another, they go down together, in the direction of the pit that is bottomless; and both are found to have "a strange anomaly at sinking."

No man can errect two masters faithfully; for he must hate one if he loves the other. A minister who admires and follows such men as those who have lately ruled and rained this country must necessarily despise the character of Christ. If he glorifies the cruelty, rapacity and avarice of his political leaders, he is compelled by an inflexible law of human nature to "deny the Lord who bought him."

The experience of fifteen centuries proves that political preachers are the great curse of the world. More than half the bloody wars which at different periods have desolated this globe, were produced by their direct instigation; and wherever they have thrust themselves into a contest commenced by others, they always evinced the stern and made it more cruel, savage and uncompromising. The religious wars, so-called, had nothing religious about them except that they were blessed up by the clergy. Look back and see if this be not true.

Can you think that the Irish were

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