

THE MAN FOR THE TIME.

The more the career of Gov. CLEVELAND is examined the more plain it becomes that he is worthy of the confidence of those who seek the elevation of the political life of the Republic. The country has suffered sorely in reputation, in material prosperity, and in its moral character by the insidious but rapid and wide growth of mercenary politics. The Republican Party, which was the offspring of a deep moral sentiment, has, by circumstances that were perhaps inevitable, been subjected to this corruption. It has become, so far as respects its official representatives, largely what the Democratic Party was previous to 1860, and it now needs what the Democratic Party then needed—a purification by the awakening of the conscience of its members, stirred by the presentation of a living principle. The pursuit of office for the sake of office, the greed and lust for place and profit, have created among its managers a guild of politics, exclusive, grasping, and despotic, and this guild, supported on the contributions of those who get gain from politics, has demoralized the party till its lowest depth is reached in the desperate use of party power and influence to elect a thoroughly disreputable candidate.

The Democratic Party has by no means escaped this process of corruption. In many places where it has been in power, and notably in the city of New-York, we have seen the evil effects. The party has been to a great extent a mere organization for the procurement of public plunder, and for this reason it has for many years not only been unable to command the confidence of those who feared the tendencies of the leaders of the Republican Party, but it has been incapable of doing the work of an active and efficient opposition. But this campaign gives strong proof that the party has to a degree overcome the bad influences that hampered it. It has done so sufficiently, at all events, to present to the suffrage of the Nation a candidate whose character is the strongest possible safeguard against the corrupting tendencies of the politics of the day. Gov. CLEVELAND has given indisputable proofs that he is independent of partisan tyranny, and that there is not in party rule any power that can disturb or weaken his devotion to the highest interests of the people. He owes his advancement in public life wholly to this quality. Each promotion that has come to him has come from this source. The positions to which he has been elected have not been partisan rewards; they have been trusts, for which he has been selected because it was known that he would be true to their requirements. He has been true. No man can say that he has ever been able to persuade the Governor to put party or personal interest before the demands of duty to the public.

This is no small security for the people of the country to possess. It is another proof of the certainty with which the republican principle works, of the dependence which can be placed upon a free people, under an orderly government, to produce in each supreme exigency the man who is required to meet it. The rise of Gov. CLEVELAND has been like that of WASHINGTON, of LINCOLN, of GRANT, the result of the silent but potent and beneficent forces which free government sets at work. He is to-day, as these others were, each in his turn, the instrument which a free people finds in its midst supremely fitted for the task which the Nation sees before it.