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Ulysses S. Grant was a Methodist. He closed his first inaugural with the following: "In conclusion, gress has made Washington dry. Exchange. I ask patient forbearance one toward another throughout the land, and a determined effort on the part of every citizen to do his share toward cementing a happy union, and I ask the prayers of the nation to Almighty God in behalf of this consummation."

Rutherford B. Hayes was a Methodist. He was a man who was regarded as having strong religious opinions, and who devoted much of his time to eleemosynary works.

James A. Garfield was a member of the Disciples' church. He was designated in the religious body of which he was a member as a lay preacher.

Chester A. Arthur was an Episcopalian. During the period of his presidency he worshiped at St. John's church in Washington. He was a communicant, though but little is said of his religious sentiments by those who have spoken of him in public print.

Grover Cleveland was a Presbyterian. He belonged to an old Presbyterian family though himself not a communicant in the church. In his inaugural address, March 4, 1885, he closed with this beautiful allusion to trust in Almighty God: "And let us not trust to human effort alone, but humbly acknowledge the power and goodness of Almighty God, who presides over the destinies of nations, and who has at all time been revealed in our country's his tory; let us invoke His aid and Hi blessings upon our labors."

Benjamin Harrison was a Presby terian in all his private life as wel as during the years of his presidency He was an active member of the Presbyterian church. His allusion to the Almighty is, perhaps, less strik ing in his inaugural than some of his predecessors, but it is sufficient to show the trend of his thought.

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Theodore Ro-sevelt is an active member of the Dutch Reformed church, which he attended in Washington while President.

William Howard Taft is a member of the Unitarian church, which he attended regularly when at the seat of government.

Woodrow Wilson is a Presbyterian, when coming to Washington as President he selected the Central (Southern) Presbyterian church as his church home, which he still attends.

BRYAN, DEMOCRACY, AND PRO-HIBITION

The campaign of Bryan for prohibition is lofty and even places him higher as a moralist and statesman than ever before. He does not discount the work done by others before he entered the battle. In Ohio last week he said in a speech in Columbus that he came as a recruit to a cause long ago proclaimed by others. The Columbus Dispatch says of him, "the arguments that Mr. Bryan makes against the saloon is all that the most uncompromising prohibitionist could ask. Such an auditor would probably hear little that was positively new to him." This recognition of the informed prohibitionist

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