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### UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

President Cleveland neither observed the words of the oath prescribed by the Constitution nor the form intended when he was sworn into office. The oath is as follows:—  
“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.”—  
That is all there is of it. But Mr. Cleveland, in deference to the demands of Christian bigotry, adds the words, “So help me God.” Thus does he begin with violating the Constitution he swears he will be guided by. The producing of the Bible, pinching and kissing it, was more contemptible than the closing words of his official oath.

“This is not,” said President Washington, “in any sense a Christian Government;” and if it is not a “Christian Government,” the form of the Christian oath has no right to be used by its officials. Does any one suppose that Cleveland will do his duty any better by reason of the pomp and display and circumstances attending the administration of his oath of office? None think so. They do not think so, because the experience of ages proves that the blackest of perjurers, the greatest official thieves, the worst of assassins, have been the very persons who observed the most solemnity in taking oaths.—[The Concordia (Kansas) Blade.