

Raymond Robins, and in view of a similar stand taken by staunch administration supporters, of whom Senator Owen of Oklahoma is a conspicuous example.

S. D.

Supporting the President.

Politics no less than religion is cursed with base natures who use its virtues as a cloak; and many simple minds are deceived by their loud protestations of faith. President Wilson is so popular throughout the country that not a few candidates at the coming election are seeking votes on the plea of supporting the President; but any voter who is worthy of the franchise should not be deceived. Other things being equal it is well to give the preference to the party of one's choice. If the policy at stake is great enough, it is better to vote for the inferior candidate; for important as is integrity of character, principles are greater, and it is better to have an immoral pilot who can keep the ship off the rocks than a moral pilot who doesn't know the channel. But there are degrees and proportions. No voter is justified in sticking to his party's nominees when by so doing he will elect an unworthy representative whose vote is not necessary to the maintenance of party principles.

Such conditions now exist in Illinois. Roger Sullivan has never in all his active political career followed the principles that guide Mr. Wilson. He stands, indeed, for the exact opposite of the President's ideas of public service. And voters who believe in Mr. Wilson's policies would be as inconsistent in sending Mr. Sullivan to Washington to help him as would be the shepherd who employed a wolf to herd his sheep. The fact that he has received the nomination of the Democratic party is not enough. Parties often go wrong; and when so conspicuous an office as the United States senatorship is at stake nothing but the jeopardy of great questions can justify, merely for the purpose of maintaining party regularity, the support of a man who is known to be opposed to the principles of the party.

The candidacy of Mr. Sullivan means vastly more than appears on the surface. The Democratic party is composed of two radically different elements, a tory and a liberal. For years the tory element has been in control, and during that time the party has been managed by men who have made it a silent partner of the Republican party. Whenever the liberals succeeded in securing a lib-

eral candidate and platform—as in the three campaigns of Mr. Bryan—the tory element deserted. But in the last campaign a combination of circumstances led to the election of a liberal Democrat. That does not mean, however, that the tories in the party have been converted, or that they have given up the fight for the control of the party. The efforts of the tories have been persistent and aggressive to regain the ascendancy, and their activities, instead of growing less with the successful management of the liberals, will increase. These men are Democrats only in name; they are opposed to every principle of democracy. There is not a particle of difference between their principles and aims and those of the standpat Republicans. Both believe in bipartisan rule by tories.

It would be bad enough for a State to send a tory to the Senate under any circumstances, but to do so when, as in the case of Illinois, there is absolutely no doubt of the tory's principles, and at the same time there is a real democrat on an opposing ticket, is to belie one's own intelligence. Mr. Sullivan is no stranger to the people. His career, indeed, has been known for many years. And it has been consistent throughout. He has been one of the chief forces in maintaining bipartisan control of politics in behalf of private interests. He has been uniformly against democracy from the time he bolted the liberal wing of the party in 1896. And though he may today ask votes that he may go to Washington to hold up the hands of Mr. Wilson, his real purpose is so well known that the President dare not mention his name. Mr. Robins, on the contrary, is a democrat in every sense of the word. He is in sympathy with, and would support the President's policies. To elect Mr. Sullivan—or any of his kind throughout the country—means to strengthen the tory wing of the party, both nationally and locally. To send Mr. Robins to Washington means to rebuke the tories, and to strengthen the liberals. Democrats who in this election set party regularity above principle assume a grave responsibility.

S. C.

Unworthy Democrats.

Many unworthy Democratic candidates have this year sought nomination in the hope that President Wilson's popularity will sweep them along to victory. Roger Sullivan is but one example of those who hope thus to turn the President's good record to evil purposes. In the Fourth Illinois district James T. McDermott of Mulhall revelation