

## PROFANITY IN PUBLIC PLACES.

*To the Editor of The New York Times:*

It seems to me that Christians and believers in the Bible owe a very deep acknowledgment to President Guggenheimer of the Municipal Council for invoking the powers of the city legislators against gross and profane language in public places. I hope it will awaken not only the authorities of all other American towns, but also the Christian clergy to their neglect in this regard. Sermons against profanity may be preached by the clergy, but in my long life of over sixty years I have never heard one nor read one. Yet profanity is forbidden in the third of the Ten Commandments, and enforced by a special threat, while the first aspiration of the divine prayer of the Divine Saviour is that the Father's "name" may be "hallowed."

In these iconoclastic days, when every influence seems exerted to pull down and to break down what once was revered and upheld, I am sure I speak for all Christian women in Greater New York when I say that the public men conspicuous in power and place who take a stand against the prevailing desecration or any of its forms will ever command womanly respect, admiration, and gratitude.

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