

1     exhortations out, that it ought to be a civil constitution  
2     and leave God to the religious authorities and the people.

3             MR. CLAGETT: Schowgurow does not go to the  
4     freedom of the individual. It goes only to the establish-  
5     ment by the --

6             MRS. BOTHE: Schowgurow -- actually, Article 36  
7     was an attempt to liberalize, to make it possible for  
8     anybody to serve as a juror as long as he believed in  
9     some God, and this is the basis on which the whole jury  
10    system of Maryland was struck down, and it was our fore-  
11    fathers who gave religious freedom and liberality, and I  
12    think we are looking for trouble when in the Constitution  
13    in any way or inference we exhort people to believe in  
14    God, whatever God it might be or whether it is the table.  
15    It is inappropriate, and I think the Legislature should be  
16    restricted as it is federally and as it is under the State  
17    Constitution from enacting any laws abridging freedom of  
18    religion or doing any affirmative or negative act which  
19    restricts people in their religious belief; and that is  
20    as far as it ought to go. All this godliness which was  
21    that  
   present in 1867/has caused so many dissensions should be