

in her hand the small piece of money for which she took the false oath. A monument has been erected, on the spot, to perpetuate the memory of the crime and of its exemplary punishment.

These temporal chastisements, however fearful they may be, are yet nothing compared to the eternal and horrid torments, which the divine justice reserves is hell for impenitent perjurers, and such as induce their fellow-men to perpetrate this enormity.

Religion and public weal, with one accord, demand that the candidates, who seek the suffrages of their fellow-citizens, strictly bind themselves to respect the divine and human laws. Their conscience and their honor, as well as the future of religion and country, are at stake.

In vain do we exhort the electors to avoid all disorders, if they be led into temptation by the very men who aspire to the formidable charge of enacting laws, for the good of society. *Give ear, says the Wise Man (Chap. VI.), O you that rule the people: consider that power is given you by the Lord, and strength by the Most-High, who will examine your works, and search out your thoughts; because, being ministers of His Kingdom, you have not judged rightly, nor kept the law of justice, nor walked according to the will of God. Therefore horribly and speedily will He appear to you: for a most severe judgment shall be for them that bear rule.*

In vain shall our legislators enact laws concerning elections, if they be the first to violate them.

We therefore call upon all good men to labor altogether to stop an evil, which threatens to cast our dear and common country into a bottomless abyss, and to damn, for a whole eternity, a multitude of souls redeemed by the precious blood of our Divine Saviour. The number of those who sincerely wish to secure the happiness of our country and the respect of the holy laws of religion, is still large enough to force all candidates absolutely to respect the divine and human laws, in the means they should take to gain their elections.