

God is the Lord of the candidate and of the electors : and He shall put the one and the others on their trial. Why do not the candidates pledge themselves mutually to give neither money nor liquors, to gain their election ? Private interest is, on this head, in perfect harmony with the civil and also the divine laws, to commend this means of stopping many disorders. Among the electors, there are enough of honest men to force the candidates to follow this line of conduct.

That a candidate may escape the divine vengeance, sound principles and good intentions are not sufficient ; he must also necessarily employ unexceptionable means to secure his election. *Violence* is an outrage upon the liberty of his fellow subject ; *calumny* and *detraction* are reproved by morality ; *corruption* dishonors him who sells his vote, as well as him who buys it ; *intemperance* degrades man even to the level of the brute ; *perjury* is, under all circumstances, a heinous crime.

Alas ! O. D. B. B., is it not true that, in election times, men believe they are allowed to say and to do any thing, to secure the end they have in view ! *Wo to that man by whom the scandal cometh*, says Jesus-Christ (Mat. XVIII. 7.) If the Lord holds in abomination the least scandal, what must we think of him who, to secure his election, spreads scandal from one end of a county to the other, by intemperance, calumny or detraction, violence, corruption and perjury ? We hesitate not to say, O. D. B. B., that they are the most guilty who lead their fellow-men into temptation. They are guilty who sell their vote, but far greater criminals are they who buy it. They are guilty who get drunk ; but are they not greater criminals who supply the intoxicating liquors ? Perjurers offer a terrible insult to the divine Majesty ; what must we think of the instigators to perjury ? *Wo to him who, for a piece of silver, or something viler still, sells his conscience, and dares, in the face of heaven and earth, to swear against truth, and outrage religion, society, conscience, truth, justice and the majesty of God Himself !* A thousand times wo to him who impels his fellow-man to this sacrilegious impiety, and uses the *holy and terrible* name of the Lord, as a vile instrument, to attain his ends !

Ananias and Saphira, for a bare falsehood, were struck dead by the divine wrath : what then shall be the punishment of perjury !