Before the Days of Postage Stamps.

Before the use of postage-stamps various sums were pa'd for the delivery of letters. The amounts were regulated by the distance, and were collected on the delivery of the let-

In the early part of this century the postage on a single sheet of paper was 8 cents, and over forty miles the rate was increased; so that over five hundred miles a single sheet was 25 cents. But after a time these rates were gradually reduced, until 1845 a letter weighing not over half an ounce was 5 cents under three hundred miles, and over that distance, 10

Sir Rowland Hill, who was at the head of the Postoffice Department of England at this time, introduced the use of postage stamps in 1840, and also lessened the charges for postage. In 1847 the United States adopted the use of the postage stamp, the lowest priced one being 5 cents.

But railways and steamboats had now taken the place of the old-fashioned mail coaches and post-bcys; and with the more rapid sending of the mails, the cheaper rates of postage, and the growing population of the country, gradual changes and improvements took place in the postoffice system. And here we are, in 1893, receiving our letters from the Pacific Coast in six days-also from correspondents in almost every part of the country. -St. Nicholas.

Milk for Burns.

A French physician has obtained good results in dressing burns with milk. Compresses are soaked with milk and laid on the burn, to be resize from 14 to 7 centimeters; at the end of three days it measured but 24 centimeters in diameter. Another burn which had been treated for is Diana of the Ephesians. Great is Diana sight days with olive oil and oxide of of the Ephesians!" eight days with olive oil and oxide of zinc healed rapidly under a simple milk dressing.

A Wealthy Woman's Freak.

The wife of a New York millionairs apparently lives for the purpose of refuting the claims of other nations that Americans are the most rushing and restless people. She has devoted three years to traveling over Europe for the purpose of matching a pearl.

Land Laws in Russia.

A law is to be promulgated in Russia this summer prohibiting the transfer of land in the possession of rural com-Russia with the exception of the Baltic and Vistula provinces.

Mexico's Ingenious President.

President Diaz of Mexico is a hard worker, and has a hobby for collecting fire-arms of all ages and nations. He is a practical mechanic, having constructed all the furniture in his bedroom with implements of his own make. and he has recently invented and patented many implements, including a new-fangled corkscrew.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action, but now that it is generally know that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the

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REV. DR. TALMAGE.

The Eminent Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "The Gospel in Politics."

Text: "Some therefore cried one thing, and some another, for the assembly was confused, and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. And they drew Alexander out of the multilude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defense unto the people. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out: 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians!' "-Acts

Ephesus was upside down. It was about the silver question. A manufacturer of silver boxes for holding heathen images had called his laborers together to discuss the behavior of one Paul, who had been in public places assaulting image worship, and consequently very much damaging that particular busivery much damaging that particular business. There was great excitement in the city. People stood in knots along the streets, violently gesticulating and calling each other hard names. Some of the people favored the policy of the silversmith. Other people favored the policy of Paul. There were great moral questions involved, but these did not bother them at all.

The only question about which they seemed to be interested was concerning the wages and the salaried positions. The silver-smith and his compeers had put up factories at great expense for the making of these silver boxes, and now, if this new policy is to be inaugurated the business will go down, England in the same time; and a few days or hours will place us in direct communication with our friends and what is to be done? "Call a convention," says some one, for in all ages a convention." has been a panacea for public evils. The convention is called, and as they want the

largest room in the city they take the theatre. Having there assembled, they all want to get the floor, and they all want to talk at once. You know what excitement that always makes in a convention, where a great many people want to talk at once. Some eried one thing, some cried another. Some newed night and morning. An ex- After awhile a prominent man gets the floor, tensive burn on the leg was healed in and he begins to speak, but they very soon this manner. Two days reduced it in hiss him down, and then the confusion rises into worse uproar, and they begin to shour, all of them together, and they keep on until they are red in the face and hoarse in the throat, for two long hours crying out "Great

The whole scene reminds me of the excitement we have almost every autumn at the elections. While that goddess Diana has lost her worshipers and her temples have gone into the dust, our American people want to set up a god in place of her, and they want us all to bow down before it, and that god is political party. Considering our superior civilization, I have to declare to you that Ephesian idolatry was less offensive in the sight of God than is this all absorbing Ameri-

While there are honest men, true men, Christian men, who stand in both political parties, and who come into the autumnal elections resolving to serve their city or their State or the Nation in the best possible way, I have noticed also that with many it is a mere contest between the ins and the outsthose who are trying to stay in and keep the munities or individual peasants to persons not belonging to the rural population. The law will be made applicable to the whole of European Russia with the exception of the Baltic

to say, "Great is my pocketbook"

Once or twice a year it is my custom to talk to the people about public affairs from what I call a Christian standpoint, and this morning I have chosen for that duty. I hope to say a practical word. History tells us of a sermon once preached amid the highlands of Scotland-a sermon two hours long -on the sin of luxury, where there were not more than three pairs of shoes in the audience, and during our last war a good man went into a hospital distributing tracts and gave a tract on "The Sin of Dancing" to a oth of whose legs had been amputated! But I hope this morning to present an ap-propriate and adapted word, as next Tues-day at the ballot box great affairs are to be

The Rev. Dr. Emmons, in the early history of our country, in Massachusetts, preached about the election of Thomas Jefferson to the Presidency. The Rev. Dr. Mayhew, of Boston, in the early days of our republic, preached about the repeal of the stamp act. There are times when ministers of Christ must look off upon public affairs and discuss them. We need go back to no example. Every man is, before God. responsible for his own duty.

If the Norwegian boasts of his home of

rocks, and the Siberian is pleased with his land of perpetual snow, if the Roman thought that the muddy Tiber was the favored river in the sight of heaven, and if the Laplander shivers out his eulogy of his native clime, and if the Chinese have pity native clime, and if the Chinese have party for anybody born outside of the Flowery Kingdom, shall not we, born under these fair skies and standing day by day amid those glorious civil and religious liberties, be public spirited? I propose to tell the peo-ple very plainly what I consider to be their Christian duty at the ballot box!

Christian duty at the ballot box:

First, set yourself against all political falsehood. The most monstrous lies ever told in this country are during the elections. 1 stop at the door of a Democratic meeting and listen and hearthat the Republicans are liars, I stop at the door of a Republican meeting and listen and hear that the Democrats are and their that the Democrats are scoundrels. Our public men microscopized, and the truth distorted. Who believes a tenth part of what he reads or hears in the autumnal elections? Men who at other seasons of the year are very careful in their speech become peddlers of scanda'.

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In the far east there is a place where once a year they let the people do as they please and say what they please, and the place is full of uproar, misrule and wickedness, and they call it the "devil's day." The nearest approximation to that in this country has been the first Tuesday in November. The community at such times seems to say, "Go to, now, let us have a good time at lying."

Prominent candidates for office are denounced as unprincipled and renegade. A smart lie will start in the corner of a country newspaper, and keep on running until it has captured the printing presses of the whole continent. What garbling of speeches! What

misinterpretation of motives! What mis representation of individual antecedents! The trouble is that we have in this country The trouble is that we have in this country two great manufactories—manufactories of lies—the Republican manufactory of lies and the Democratic manufactory of lies—and they are run day and night, and they turn out half a dozen a day all equipped and ready for full sailing. Large lies and small lies. Lies private and lies public and lies prurient. Lies cut bias and lies cut diagonal. Long limbed lies and lies with double back action. Lies complimentary and lies de-Long limbed lies and lies with double back action. Lies complimentary and lies defamatory. Lies that some people believe, and lies that all the people believe, and lies that nobody believes. Lies with humps like camels, and scales like erocodiles, and necks as long as storks, and feet as swift as an antelope's, and stings like adders. Lies raw and scalioped and panned and stewed. Crawling lies and jumping lies and soaring lies. Lies with strachment screws and rafflers and braiders and ready wound bobbins. Lies by Christian people, who never bins. Lies by Christian people, who never lie except during elections, and lies by peo-ple who always lie, but beat themselves in a

political campaign.
I confess I am ashamed to have a foreigne visit this country in these times. I should think he would stand dazed and dare not go out at nights! What will the hundreds of thousands of foreigners who come here to live think of us? What a disgust they must have for the land of their adoption! The only good thing about it is that many of them cannot understand the English language. But I suppose the German and Italian and

Swedish and French papers translate it all, and peddle out the infernal stuff to their sub-

Nothing but Christianity will ever stop such a flood of indecency. The Christian religion will speak after awhile. The billingsgate and low scandal through which we wade almost every autumn must be rebuked by that religion which speaks from its two great mountains, from the one mountain intoning the recommend in the property of the search command, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and from the other mount making plea for kindness and love and blessing rather than cursing.

O Christian men, frown upon political false-hood! Remember that a political lie is as black as any other kind of a lie. God has recorded all the falsehoods that have been told at the city, State or National elections since the foundation of this Government, and though the perpetrators and their victims may have gone into the dust, in the last day

judgment will be awarded.

The falsehoods that Aaron Burr breathed into the ear of Blennerhassett, the slanders that Lieutenant General Gage proclaimed about George Washington, the misrepresentations in regard to James Monroe, are as fresh in God's book to-day as the lies that were printed last week about our local can-didates. "And all liars shall have their part in the lake which purneth with fire and brim-

stone, which is the second death."

Again, I counsel you as Christian men to set yourselves against the misuse of money in political campaigns. Of the thousands of dollars already spent this autumn, how much of the amount do you suppose has been properly used? You have a right to spend money for the publishing of political tracts, for the establishment of organizations for the carrying out of what you consider to be the best you have a right to appeal to the reason of men by argument and statistics and by facts. Printing and renting of public halls and political meetings cost money, but he who puts a bribe into the hand of a voter or piles weak men with mercenary and corrupt motives commits a sin against God and the Nation.

of this country. God says, "Fire shail consume the tabernacles of bribery." Have nothing to do with such a sin, O Christian man! Fling it from the ballot box. Hand Bribery is one of the most appalling sins over to the police the man who attempts to tamper with your vote, and remember that elections that cannot be carried without bribes ought never to be carried at all.

Again I ask you as Christirn men to set yourselves against the dissipations that hover over the ballot box. Let me say that no man can afford to go into political life who is not a tectotaler. Hot political discussion somehow creates an unnatural thirst, and hundreds of thousands of men have gone down into

drunkenness through political life.

After an exciting canvass through the evening you must "take something," and rising in the morning with less animation than usual you must "take something," and going off among your comrades through the forenoon you meet political friends, and you must "take something," and in the afternoon you meet other political friends, and you must "take something," and being night has come something has taken you. There are but few cases where men have been able to stand up against the dissipations of political

Joseph was a politician, but he maintained his integrity. Daniel was a politician, but he was a tectotaler to the last. Abraham was a politician, but he was always characterized as the father of the faithful. Moses was a politician, the grandest of them, but he honored God more than he did the Pharachs, and there are hundreds of Christian men now in the political parties maintaining their integrity, even when they are obliged to stand amid the blasted, lecherous and loathsome crew that sometimes surround the ballot box—these Christian men doing their political duty and then coming back to the prayer meetings and Christian circles as pure as when they went out. But that is not the ordinary circumstance—that is the excep-

How often you see men coming back from the political conflict, and their eye is glazed, and their cheek has an unnatural flush, and they talk louder than they usually do, and at the least provocation they will bet, and you say they are convivial, or they are exceedingly vivacious, or you apply some other sweet name to them, but God knows they are Some of you, a month or six weeks ago, had no more religion than you ought to have, and after the elections are over to calculate how much religion you have left will be a sum in vulgar fractions. Oh, the pressure is tremendous!

How many mighty intellects have gone down under the dissipation of politics! I think of one who came from the west. He was able to stand out against the whole American Senate. God had given him faculties enough to govern a kingdom, or to frame a constitution. His voice was terrible to his country's enemies and a mighty in-spiration in the day of National peril. But twenty glasses of strong drink a day were his usual allowance, and he went down into the habits of a confirmed inebriate.

Alas for him! Though a costly monument

has been reared over his resting place, the young men of this country shall not be denied the awful lesson that the agency by which the world was robbed of one of its mightlest intellects, and our country of one of its abiest constitutional defenders, was the dissipation of political life. You want to know who I mean? Young man, ask your inther when you get home. The adverse tide

is fearful, and I warn you against it.

You need not go far off to find the wornout politician. Here he is, stumbling along
the highway, his limbs hardly able to hold him up. Bent over and pale with exhaust-ing sickness. Surly to anybody who accosts him. His last decent article of apparel pawned for strong drink. Glad if, when going by a grocery, some low acquaintance invites him in to take a sip of ale and then wiping his lip with his greasy sleeve. Kicked off the steps by men who once were proud to be his constituents. Manhood obliterated. Lip blistered with a curse. Scars of brutal assault on cheek and brow. Foul mouthed. A crouching, stagkering, wheez-ing wretch. No friends. No God. No hope.

That is your wornout politician. That is what some of you will become unless by this morning's warning and the mercy of God your steps are arrested. Oh, there are no words enough potent, enough portentious, enough consuming, enough damning, to describe the horrible drunkenness that has rolled over this land, and that has bent down the needs of some of the might jest intellects. the necks of some of the mightiest intellects. until they have been compelled to drink out of the trough of bestiality and abomination I warn young men against political life, un-less they are tectotalers and consecrated Christian men.

Christian men.

Again, I counsel you that when you go to the ballot box at the city, or the State, or the National elections, you recognize God and appeal to him for His blessing. There is a power higher than the ballot box, than the gubernatorial chair, than the presidential White House. It is high time that we put less confidence in political platforms and more confidence in God. See what a weak thing is human foresight! How little our wise men seem to know! See how, every autumn, thousands of men who are clambering up for higher positions are turned under!

autumn, thousands of men who are clambering, up for higher positions are turned under! God upsets them. Every man, every party, every Nation, has a mission to perform. Failing to perform it, down he goes.

God said to the house of Bourbon, "Remodel France and establish equity." House of Bourbon would not do it. Down it went. God said to the house of Stuart, "Make the English people free, God fearing and happy." House of Stuart would not do it. Down it went. God says to the political parties in

House of Stuart would not do it. Down it went. God says to the political parties in this day, "by the principles of Christianity, remodel, govern, educate, save the people." Failing to do that, down they go, burying in their ruins their disciples and advocates. God can spare all the political intriguers of this day, and can raise up another generation who shall do justice and love mercy.

If God could spare Luther before the refermation was done, and if He could spare Washington before free government had been fully tested, and if He could spare Howard before more than one out of a thousand dungeons had been alleviated, and if He could spare Robert McCheyne just as Scot

and was gathering to his burning utterances and if He could spare Thomas Clarkson while yet millions of his fellow men had while yet millions of his fellow men had ehains rusting to the bone—then He can spare any man, and He can spare any party. That man who through cowardice or blind idolatry of party forsakes the cause of righteousness goes down, and the armed battallons

of God march over him. O Christian men, take out your Bible this afternoon, and in the light of that word make up your mind as to what is your duty as citizens! Remember that the highduty as citizens? Remember that the nighest kind of a patriot is a Christian patriot. Consecrate yourselves, first to God, then you will know how to consecrate yourselves to your country. All these political excitements will be gone. Ballot boxes and gubernatorial chairs and continents will smoke in the final confiagration, but those who love God and do their best shall come to lustrous dominion after the stars have ceased their shining, and the ocean has heaved its last billow, and the closing thunder of the judgment day shall toll at the funeral of a world! Oh, prepare for that day!

You may vote right and get the victory at the ballot box, and yet suffer eternal defeat. After you have cast your last vote, where will you go to? In this country there are two parties. You belong to the one or the other of them. Likewise in eternity there will be two parties and only two. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment and the righteous into life eternal." To which party will you belong? God grant that, while you look after the welfare of the land in which God has graciously east your lot, you may not forget to look after your soul-blood bought, judgment bound, immortal God save the people!

EXPLOSION IN SPAIN.

An Opera Audience Dynamited-A Number of People Killed.

During the performance of "William Tell" at the Lyceum Opera-House, Barcelona, Spain, a place much frequented by the elite of Barcelona society, two bombs, loaded with dynamite, were thrown from the gallery and one of them exploded with terrifle report. Almost every person in the house sprang to his or her feet in terror or dismay. Wild shricks and cries of agony arose from the lower part of the house, and it is known that many persons have been in-

When the smoke and dust caused by the explosion cleared away the forms of many persons were seen writhing upon the floor in the vicinity of the place where the bomb had fallen. The sents there-abouts had been blown to pieces and the flooring in places was torn up and the beams were partly shat-

The only persons who retained presence of mind were the officials present, They knew that the outrage was the work of Anarchists, and were determined to prevent the escape of the miscreants. Some ran to the gallery and surrounded that part from which the bombs had been thrown. Several suspicious looking persons were placed under arrest, and when a closer examination was made of the prisoners it was found that two were Anarchists well-known to the police. It is officially stated that the dead number fifteen. There is no statement of the number of injured, but it is believed to be large.

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Senseless Display.

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