

Henry Ward Beecher speaks in the following scathing terms: "All the frame-work of society seems to be dissolving. On every side we find men false to the most important trusts. Even the judges on the bench are bought and sold like meat in the shambles. One must go into court with a long purse to obtain justice. The judiciary of New York stinks like Sodom and Gomorrah. Men say they hardly know a court in which to trust a case. It is no longer an honor to sit on the bench, for if the judge be an upright man, his character will be contaminated by the great majority of his associates."

H. Grattan Guinness, in his late work, "Light for the Last Days," says: "The religion of these last days has been well called a baptized heathenism; Christian in creed, heathen in practice."

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, in the *Sword and Trowel* for December, 1887, says: "A man of God writes us as follows: 'You cannot well overstate the spiritual death and dearth which prevail in the provinces. Where the "minister is successful" no Unitarian would be offended with the preaching, and where "not successful," we see a miserably superficial handling of the Word without power. Of course there are valuable exceptions. What can be expected as to spirituality in the Church when deacons are better acquainted with "Hamlet" and Irving's acting than with the Word of God? And what about the next age, when the children are treated to pantomimes, and a taste is created for these things?' This brother's lamentation is of a piece with hosts of others which load our table. They come from men who are second to none in spiritual weight. Either these brethren are dreaming, or they are located in specially bad places; or else there is