

girl thus driven to destruction, in the city of New York, at the tender age of fourteen, by being approached by the preacher after a sermon of this kind, with a secretary by his side, with a book and pen in his hand to take down the names of those who, by invitation, remained to be conversed with.— Having taken her name, the preacher asked, ‘Are you for God or the Devil?’ Being overcome, her head depressed, and in tears, she made no reply. ‘Put her down in the Devil’s book!’ said the preacher to his secretary. From that time the poor girl became insane; and in her simplicity and innocence, she has been accustomed to tell the story of her misfortune.”— (*Ibid*, pages 41, 43, 44). These astounding statements and their judicious accompanying remarks are to be found in a work published in New York, entitled, *Thoughts on the Religious State of the Country, with reasons for preferring Episcopacy*, by the Rev. Calvin Colton, a name well known both in England and America.

Although I have detained you so long, my brethren,—much longer than usual,—yet I consider the complete treatment of this subject so important, that I must detain you, whilst I lay before you some extracts from an admirable Charge to his Clergy, delivered by Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio, in 1836.— Bishop McIlvaine is a man beloved by all who know him, respected by Christians of all names throughout the United States, of unquestioned piety, sound judgment, comprehensive views, and acknowledged talents. If any fault can be alleged against him, it is, that he looks with too lenient an eye on the sin of schism. His charge opens in the following beautiful manner:—“Brethren in the Ministry,—In discharging the duty incumbent on me, as occupying the responsible office of a Pastor to Pastors,—a Preacher to a company of Preachers,—I desire to speak under the most solemn impression of dependence upon our Lord and Chief Shepherd for grace to address you in the spirit of wisdom, love and faithfulness, which alone becomes the present occasion. By the peculiar nature of my duties, during a considerable portion of every year, I am conducted through so many spiritual atmospheres and climates, and into contact with so many distinct classes and conditions of mind, as connected with religion, that, in some place or other, I am obliged to meet every wind of doctrine, to observe the trial of every experiment, and the consequence of every novelty, with all those currents and changes of currents, that indicate the prevailing religious