

great secret, their power. To frighten, to shock, and paralyse the mind with alternations and scenes of horror, carefully concealing the ground of encouragement and hope, till reason is shaken and hurled from its throne, for the sake of gaining a convert, and, in making a convert, to make a maniac,—as doubtless sometimes occurs under this mode of proceeding, for," says he. "we have full proof of it,—involves a fearful responsibility. I have just heard," continues the same able writer, "of an interesting 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 1886.—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