

brought forward a cut-and-dry resolution in the York Convocation, advising that a legal decision on the validity of the deposition of Bishop Colenso be obtained before his successor be consecrated (which was just what the Archbishop of York had advised in his published letter), His Grace made a long speech, ending with a request that the resolution be not passed. It was accordingly withdrawn.

UNITED STATES.—Rev Henry Ward Beecher, in a recent sermon at Brooklyn showed us in its true colours that religionism which spends its enthusiasm in secular and not in sacred matters, which prompts a man to criticise severely the decorations of God's house but to grudge no expense upon his own dwelling. Alluding to Church offerings he said that "according to the liberality of a congregation in their own churches, in like manner was their liberality towards other objects." Too much could not be done for a church. He would have a flower committee, if he could, for there should be flowers in every church, to bring up to the eyes of little children and others the words of the Saviour, "consider the lilies how they grow." A congregation should bestow all the sentiment they could upon a church, work with all enthusiasm, beautify it as much as possible, and give it all the attractions which were possible and anything so spent was not squandered on the Master. He next spoke briefly on the meanness of being a cheap Christian, and said if persons were to be Christians, they should be so in effect. In conclusion he besought his hearers to act through life in a truly Christian-like manner, for a Christian's life was worth any man's having."

Publications of a grossly demoralizing tendency having at length flooded the city of New York, are now about to be checked. Pictorial illustrations of horrid crimes are daily, in certain shop windows, making the passers-by familiar with vice, while on the shelves of many of the bookstores are to be found abundant incentives to lust. The District Attorney now contemplates bringing these, as a Nuisance, to the notice of the Grand Jury.

It would be well if the same vigilance were soon to be exercised in Halifax. We are informed by a respectable and conscientious bookseller that 'a certain periodical illustrative of crime (which every week shows its demoralizing front in some quarters) is almost every Saturday night enquired for by many apparently respectable young people of both sexes in our Metropolis.

A religious paper the *N. Y. Episcopalian* says:—"We would call the attention of the proper authorities to the objectionable and immoral exhibitions which are spread before the eyes of youth in many of our shop-windows, and at places of public resort. If it is thought advisable and necessary to organize a society for prevention of cruelty to animals, would it not be just as desirable to write for the prevention of injury and ruin to souls, reputation, minds and morals of the rising generation. The inquiry is prompted by the very general appearance of immoral and demoralizing pictures in the windows and on the news stands. It is to be feared the people are not sufficiently impressed with the magnitude of this evil. Many do not stop to scrutinize the prints to which these pictures belong, or if they do, turn away in utter disgust, wondering who buy them, and how the business can be supported. Yet these vile publications are training many youths, and are doing their pernicious work in our families. They have increased in boldness, and in the graphic representation of iniquity suggest more than they express."

Certain Churchmen on this side of the Atlantic seem determined to drive from their side all moderate men. One of their leading periodicals in the United States now declares that "The Apostolic Office was confined to the Apostles of Christ, and was never committed to successors,—and Bishops are not Apostles." [Are not Presbyters Bishops in the primitive sense?]

With such views it is no wonder that by the same party it is now published to the world that—"Some new and advanced position must be made.... The figment of re-ordination is now to be disposed of. The claims of an arrogant episcopate are now to be put upon trial." This means that it is a piece of arrogance in our Church to ordain a man who joins our ranks, if he happened to have had non-episcopal ordination before.

These people in reciting their Creed publicly professed to believe "in the Holy