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The United Presbyterian Ministers of Pittsburgh, Pa., met the other day and discussed the question: "How far should Presbyteries require a confession of shortcomings in duty from pastors, sessions and congregations?" The Rev. Mr. Fulton argued that failure in the performance of duty on the part of congregations should come under the authority of Presbytery more directly than the present methods require. Except when complaint was made a pastor should not be required to make any confession. Critics would have little opportunity to work against him without good grounds. Congregations—not pastors—should be required to confess shortcomings before Presbyteries. Some conscience on the part of the congregations was what is required. They should be made to understand that they are as responsible for meeting their obligations as individuals. The Presbytery should take the matter in hand. The Rev. Dr. Reid said that he would object to Presbyterial vs a prior. The elder should be exempted on the same plea as the minister. "An encouragement to falsification is given if confession on the part of the people is required. There will be over statements as well as concealments. Suspicion will also be created. Investigation has a tendency in this direction. Again, confession to man is not required. It is to God. Presbytery is not to be made a Pope."

Daniel Webster's oratory reminds the London *Spectator* of Carlyle's description of Mirabeau's oratory. "It is singularly free from what we are forced to consider the besetting sins of Irish oratory. Nothing could be more shallow or unjust than to charge it, as one of our contemporaries has done, with 'spread-eagleism.' In every line we trace evidence of conviction wishing to convince, and of that sincerity and patriotism, that love of truth and love of country which are the wings of political oratory. We think, also, that nothing can be more unfair or absurd than to sneer at Bunker Hill and New Orleans. In the latter engagement the defeated English were veterans from the army which Wellington said could go anywhere and do anything; and if they were grievously mismanaged, as no doubt they were, they were not more grievously mismanaged than the French cavalry were at Waterloo. The Americans regard Bunker Hill as their Marathon, and they are right in doing so."

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