

*little trouble concerning the duties of his office.* His Lordship made some additional remarks in the same extraordinary strain.

Reader, if the preceding expressions are not the identical words of his Lordship, they nevertheless convey the identical meaning of the very words, which he may have used. The inference from either is precisely the same. I desire to direct attention to this circumstance, as his Lordship's sentiments excited just indignation, and induced the Hon. Mr. Hazen to reply to them. The Rev. Mr. F. Coster again rose, and addressing the Chairman, said, that he would not submit any longer to such insult, and accordingly expressed his determination to resign office. Immediately afterward, Judge Parker moved "that the Secretary's resignation be accepted," which was seconded, and very generally supported.

The Lord Bishop's unjustifiable and extra-official remarks brought the Honourable Mr. Hazen upon the floor: he told his Lordship that he had acted very improperly as Chairman in making such extraordinary observations,—that the people of this Province would not submit to such dictation,—that they had a lawful right to elect whom they chose, and that they would exercise that right,—and that he was astonished to hear a Christian Bishop, and Chairman of the Society, make the avowal, that he would advise the gentleman who might be elected as Secretary to neglect the duties of his office, merely because the Rev. Mr. Coster was not continued in office. The Chairman denied the charge, saying, that Mr. Hazen had misunderstood him: but this gentleman repeated his assertions. I was standing beside Mr. Hazen, and near his Lordship, whom I distinctly told that such was the substance of his words, and such the only inference that could be deduced from them. Some few persons, apparently the advocates of Episcopal infallibility, have censured Mr. Hazen's expressions of honest indignation. But the Bishop's "*improper conduct*," and I will add, exceedingly improper conduct, elicited his very appropriate animadversion; and I believe I declare the feeling of the majority of the Laity in this Parish when I say, that we are indebted to this Honourable gentleman for his manly resistance against Priestly domination, and his timely co-operation in asserting and defending the Rights of the Laity, as regards the discussion of questions involving a great Principle, and the elective franchise of the members of the Diocesan Church Society.

My resolution for two Secretaries was still before the Meeting. Shortly after the resignation of the late Secretary, several gentlemen proposed the Rev. Mr. Ketchum, assigning as their reason that the Reverend gentleman whom I nominated could not conveniently attend to the duties of the office, as he did not