

nity and trust in connection with all the important events and business of the Church, have at the same time established a claim and given you a fitness for the episcopal office which rarely fall to the lot of any individual.

"We beg further to express our firm conviction that it would be in your power, as bishop, to confer great and lasting benefits upon this diocese and the Church; and we are thankful to know that, notwithstanding your advanced age, you are still able to endure more labour than many much younger men, not only in the discharge of ministerial functions, but in the councils and business transactions of the Church. In our opinion, your ripe age forms in itself a qualification for the position in which we desire to see you placed, being in part the source of an unusual extent of personal influence and experience. We feel assured that the laity of this diocese, and of the whole Church, will unite with us in our conscientious conviction of your pre-eminence fitness, and will view your election to the episcopate of your native Church with no ordinary warmth and concurrence of opinion. That the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of Souls may long spare you to us and His Church, as a father and guide, is our earnest hope and prayer.

"Edinburgh, August, 1862.

"THOMAS LANGHORNE, Incumbent of Musselburgh; ROBERT HENDERSEN, Incumbent, Episcopal Church, Stirling; JAMES M'LACHLAN, Incumbent of St. Paul's C.C.; J. A. WHITE, Leith; A. E. CROWDER, Dunse; JAMES SWAINE, Dalmahoy; T. N. WANNOP, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Haddington; A. W. HALLEN, M. A., St. John's, Alloa; A. H. CAVE BROWN, M. A., Incumbent of St. Andrew's, Dunmore.

"We, the undersigned non-instituted clergy, cordially concur in the above address.

"W. B. BUSHBY, Dalkeith; DANIEL F. SANDFORD, St. John's Edinburgh; ROBERT COLE, M.A., Oxon, Greenlaw Barracks; HUDSON TRAPE, B. A., Diocesan Chaplain; WALTER M. GOALEN, A.M., Incumbent of Christ's Church, Trinity; J. H. CARR, St. John's, Edinburgh; E. SEMICHRIST-ROUSSY."

DR. LANGHORNE, Musselburgh, seconded the motion which had been made. (Applause.)

The Rev. VALENTINE G. FAITHFULL said that before making any remarks upon this subject, he wished to read the following remarks in a letter from Mr. Coventry, who was unable to be present in consequence of indisposition:—"You are at perfect liberty to state from me that if my health had permitted me to be present at the election of a coadjutor bishop, I should have proposed Mr. Orde for that office, as the individual in the diocese best fitted in my opinion for it. As my vote is tendered to the meeting in the shape of a proxy to you, and not addressed to the Dean or any other chairman of the meeting, it is quite unnecessary for me to give any reasons whatever for my preference of Mr. Orde; and Mr. Orde deprecates, as well as myself, any reasons for voting against the Dean. I have no wish to hurt his feelings in any way, and only act, as I ought to do, under a great and onerous responsibility. Although I have my fears that the harmony of the diocese may not continue undisturbed, I shall do nothing which shall tend to that effect. Strife and wrangling I detest, and rather than engage in it I shall creep into my own shell and remain passive." He went on to say:—"In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Coventry, who was most anxious to take upon himself to do what has now devolved upon me, I have the honour to propose that the Rev. Leonard Shafto Orde be elected coadjutor bishop of this diocese. In making this proposition, I beg my brethren to bear with me a few

moments whilst I make a short statement as to the reasons which have induced me to take this step.

Mr. Faithfull here entered into an explanation of the circumstances which had led him to propose Mr. Orde as a candidate. This explanation brought on a very long and desultory discussion, for which, under a press of so many matters of more importance, we are sorry that we cannot find space. We regret this the less, however, because we presume that the objects of the parties chiefly interested have been sufficiently served by the publication of the discussion at great length in one of the Edinburgh newspapers. The ground on which Mr. Faithfull justified his nomination of Mr. Orde as a candidate, was the allegation that, in a private interview which he had had with Dean Ramsay, the Dean "had declined to allow himself to be nominated, or even to accept the Bishopric, if offered to him." The Dean (and others) met this allegation by saying, that what was said at a private interview ought not to be brought forward in a discussion relating to a public matter, insisting that he had never pledged himself either to accept or refuse—that Mr. Faithfull himself admitted that this was the case, at all events, at their last interview, and that that interview should cover all former occasions.

Mr. FAITHFULL, in concluding, said—Why proceed further with this painful contest? Why not allow the Dean to be almost unanimously elected? My answer is simply this—A scheme concerning the future of this diocese was in contemplation. That scheme must be resisted at all hazards. I respectfully invited the Dean to come forward so as to enable us to resist that scheme. He peremptorily declined. Mr. Orde was then earnestly pressed to stand in the gap. He yielded to our earnest exhortations; and we accordingly pledged ourselves to give him our best support. To abandon Mr. Orde would, under such circumstances, be to place ourselves in a false position—unworthy of ourselves and of our office, unjust and ungenerous towards Mr. Orde, and unbecoming towards the Church. Our position, therefore, however painful it may be to some of us individually, and to none more than myself, cannot be said to be of our own choosing. The Dean could have prevented this contest from arising; he could have kept together those who are agreed on the most important subjects, and who have hitherto acted cordially together, but he has not done so. But without any further trespass on your time, I shall address myself directly to the proposal which I have made. It affords me the greatest pleasure to propose Mr. Orde as coadjutor bishop in Edinburgh. I believe him to be eminently qualified for this high and sacred office. I believe he possesses qualifications for the episcopate rarely met with in a single individual. His ripe and chastened judgment, his courtesy and his firmness, his straightforwardness, his disinterested and strenuous efforts on behalf of those suffering either from unmerited reproach or poverty, his ready and heartfelt sympathy with those in sorrow, and his unvaried kindness towards all who know him intimately, combined with his great and varied experience as a parochial clergyman, eminently qualify him, in my humble judgment, for the position in which we propose to place him. And they are qualifications which must and will have their due weight with you, my reverend brethren, in giving your votes this day. And with an humble prayer that the Great Head of the Church may be with us, and guide us to a right judgment on this solemn occasion, I leave the proposal I have made in your hands.

After some farther discussion.

Mr. ORDE said—It is because I considered the

field to be free and open, by the reiterated refusal of the Dean to tread upon the ground, that I now am placed before you as a nominee for this office. Not one eulogistic sentiment which may be expressed by this meeting in favour of the Dean personally and professionally—will come up to what I feel of his merits and his worth. (Hear, hear.) I can most solemnly say to the Dean that, as a friend and as a brother clergyman, he occupies in my heart the first of places, and that in conjunction with our reverend diocesan, I love him dearly. As I said at the early part of this meeting, I would sooner have cut my right hand off than have at any solicitation of friends put myself in competition with the Dean for the office. Gentlemen, I acknowledge that I have no claim to it compared with his. I acknowledge that in whatsoever view I regard him in reference to his past life and services for the Church, I could not hold a farthing rushlight to him. It was simply because I thought he was withdrawn from the contest—nay, I will go further, it was because I had reason to believe that he himself personally was in my favour for an office similar to this (for I believe the Dean has expressed himself as such to friends of mine)—that I allowed myself to be put in nomination. Had I not felt, first of all, that the ground was not preoccupied; and, secondly, that my coming forward would have been in unison with the personal and professional feelings the Dean entertains towards me, I never would have come forward. But it is due to my friends, and it is due to myself—I will not say it is due to the Church, because it will be in as good a not in better hands in the Dean's than in mine—but it is due to myself and due to my friends that I should persevere in the course I have now taken.

The vote was then taken, when there voted for the Dean—Dr. Langhorne, Musselburgh; Mr. Henderson, Stirling; Mr. White, Leith; Mr. M'Lachlan, St. Paul's, Carrubber's Close; Mr. Crowder, Dunse; Mr. Wannop, Haddington; Mr. Swaine, Dalmahoy; Mr. Cave Brown, Dunmore; and Mr. Hallen, Alloa—9. For Mr. Orde—Dr. Alexander, St. Columba's, Castle Terrace; Mr. Faithfull, Trinity Chapel, Dean; Mr. Watson, St. George's; Mr. C. R. TAYLOR, St. Andrews; Mr. Jenkins, Portobello; and Mr. Rowbottom, St. James', Broughton Place—6. Mr. Orde declined to vote.

The Dean was therefore elected by a majority of three. The announcement of the result of the vote was received with cheers by the Dean's supporters.

Dean RAMSAY then rose and said—Reverend brethren and dear friends—I have already said, and I wish to repeat it, that whatever remarks I might have made in private conversation, not expecting these remarks to be treasured up and repeated, or my being held answerable for them in this place, I saw the importance of the crisis, and two months ago I adopted the policy which I have acted upon up to the present moment. I think that I was right in taking up that policy; and if I have been wrong, I hope you will forgive me. (Applause.) That policy was this—I gave no pledge or promise whatever to any one; I neither said that I would accept, nor have I said that I would refuse. (Applause.) I think all these private conversations—all these movements among friends, however kindly intended, are injurious and unsuitable to church order, and I wish that no such movements had taken place at all. I therefore come at this moment to speak to you, acting according to the same policy which I have followed for two months—that is to say, that I have given no pledge or promise as to whether I should accept or whether I should refuse the office. The only communication I have had has