

THE LAST STRUGGLE.

The shattered and emaciated remains of what was once the "Great Conservative Party" in Canada, are making a great trembling effort to come together in order to put forth one great, last struggle in behalf of the time-hallowed corruptions of Toryism.

considerable touch, not of the ridiculous sublime but of the sublimely ridiculous. But supposing that the shattered fragments should come together, and should concentrate their conflicting opinions on one common object as a Leader, it might be a matter of interest of curiosity at least, to enquire what is to be the object of this union and of this struggle.

MAGISTRATES WANTED!

Among the numerous sore evils under which the afflicted county of Huron is laboring, there is perhaps no more palpable nor more pressing than the want of a number of active and efficient Magistrates.

Now this is exactly what any reasonable man acquainted with the circumstances would expect. There are in the whole of Huron twenty-eight Magistrates that are liberal men, and twenty-six are good staunch bona fide Tories!

Thus, of the five "Eminent," who have been nominated for the Leadership, Colonel Gage seems destined for the honor! It is true he has a few ugly foibles, such as an insatiable horror for popularity!

But in all this confusion and contention about a Leader, we have often wondered why the "leading spirit" of the late Administration has never once been mentioned? Has the Hon. William Cayley no friends nor adherents in the Province? Have all his splendid talents, as a statesman, evaporated with his Inspector Generalship?

MORE FALSEHOOD!

It is with the utmost reluctance that we introduce the name of Mr. Giles into our paper, and we only do so when we consider that the morality and well-being of the community demand it; and whatever may be our own opinion of him as a member of society, we cannot allow him to be the scape-goat for the iniquities of others.

stories!" Yet we deny the right of any man, however worthless, to drag forth the names of Clergymen, and associate such names with the willful promulgation of falsehood; and we further question the moral principles of that community which will tolerate such conduct.

The facts of the case from which this falsehood has resulted, are simply these:—The Rev. Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Galt did call upon the Rev. Mr. McKid, on some private business, in which we had no interest, and during the interview Mr. McKid wished these two gentlemen, as friends to him and to us, to inform us that he, Mr. McKid, had neither led nor part, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, in the authorship of the letters signed "A Layman." Mr. McKid was neither asked nor solicited for this declaration; he gave it of his own free will and accord.

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APPOINTMENT.

We have much pleasure in intimating to our readers that His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Charles Fletcher, of the United Presbyterian Church, Goderich, to the Office of Superintendent of Common Schools in the District of Huron.

"A LAYMAN."

After giving Total Abstinence credit for reclaiming many from the "paths of vice to those of virtue," for bestowing happy and cheerful homes on "many an industrious and virtuous woman," and after saying to the members that the blessing shall be theirs which is promised to those that "save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins," our Reverend friend adds "on the ground of expediency I cannot oppose totalism!"

DEAR SIR,—I regret to be constrained to solicit space in your columns for personal matter, but as a statement made by me in your paper of the 24th November, has received from the Editor of the Gazette a most unqualified denial, and as that denial could only proceed upon the authority of one person, that is the Gentleman with whom I had the conversation, I feel it necessary to produce such evidence of the transaction as I think, will all unpriced minds, prove most conclusively, the truth of what I have advanced.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note asking me if I recollect the particulars of the conversation, dated by you as having passed between you and the Rev. A. McKid, on the evening of the 10th November, being the evening that Miss McKid's visit to the Amblerburg, I beg to state that, to the best of my knowledge it was as follows:—That you feared that you had been guilty of a great rudeness in a remark you had made to Mr. McKid, relating to Mr. Kydd's security, as from the tenor of Mr. McKid's remarks, you would not be surprised if he was one of the new sectaries, and if so, you had applied to him the application of an imman, having mentioned to him that you considered any party belonging to the Government, as well as the Government, would be worse than a madman.

The public and yourself will remark from Mr. G. Lyster's letter, that immediately after having parted with the Reverend Gentleman I detailed what passed, and, of course, all that had passed was fresh in my recollection. On the Saturday after the publication of the Gazette, viz: the 24th December, I called on Mr. McKid in company with the Rev. Mr. Fletcher, for the purpose of obtaining from him the publication of such an explanation, as would be a virtual denial of the statement contained in the editorial of the Gazette.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to state that Mr. Galt & myself had a conversation relative to Mr. Kydd's security, with the Post Office. The exact particulars of which I cannot now charge my memory with, but I am by no means prepared to give the unqualified denial to his statement, which you have been pleased to insert in your paper of December 1st, nor did I in any way authorize it.

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ANY STEPS TO RIGHT MYSELF.

On the morning of the 9th current, I received the following extraordinary note:— GODERICH, 9th Dec., 1848. DEAR SIR,—Having been indisposed since yesterday forenoon I have been prevented from doing what I promised to you and Mr. Fletcher; and in order that you may be at liberty to do as you think best, I hereby admit that I cannot state verbatim, what passed in conversation on Friday evening, the 10th November, but am morally certain that you never made use of the term "madman;" neither did Mr. Giles make the denial on my authority, nor did you meet me in the Post office that morning, nor did I ever hear any conversation between you and Mr. Kydd on the subject.

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but which opposed these Districts (and 1837) which have been populated, or is worth a thought, the separation of the District of Huron, from Is there an instance has not been most in its erection? In its present constitution, the reasons being given from the District to the public? The consulted will show, and a great one, to the majority of (if the public called on to perform expense, trouble or I not equally plain, the District business is equal attendance on Can such be done as is geographically masses of its inhabi chief place of busin (if) Whether as a strict Councillor, or tiff or defendant; in may, or ought to, I hometead, from to the great of mo pairs of a road; an District town, is a and trouble, loss of an evil affecting th sufferers.

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