

the Synod had been adjourned, the Rev. F. L. Stephenson, in company with the two delegates from Stirling, waited upon the Bishop, and represented to his Lordship that it was necessary, in order that Mr. Stephenson should be made right in the eyes of the people, that he should have his License to the Mission, and also asked him what he proposed to do in the case of Mr. Halliwell. His Lordship at once replied that within three weeks he would send Mr. Stephenson his License for the *whole* Mission, "And," added he, "*to-morrow* I will silence Mr. Halliwell." The delegates returned home thinking that now at last there was hope that matters were about to take a turn for the better. But they were doomed to be disappointed. On the following Sunday, 25th June, 1876, immediately after morning service, Mr. Halliwell's son brought a letter from his father to Mr. Stephenson. This letter informed Mr. Stephenson that the Bishop had appointed him (Mr. Halliwell) to the parish of Hillier and Wellington; that the Mission of Stirling had been divided, and that Frankford, together with a certain \$1,000, had been given to the Incumbent of Trenton, Rev. Wm. Bleasdel. This information Mr. Stephenson and the congregation, remembering what the Bishop had said on the preceding Friday afternoon, at once considered false. However, one of the congregation volunteered to go to Trenton at once and find out the truth from Mr. Bleasdel. The whole congregation waited for his return. On his return, to the astonishment of all, he said that the information contained in Mr. Halliwell's letter was true. Mr. Stephenson then told the people that he was sincerely sorry for them and for the Church in Stirling, but that after what had occurred he could no longer hope to remain with them, and that he resigned the Mission. But the people prevailed upon him to see the Bishop before deciding finally. Accordingly he, accompanied by one of the Churchwardens, Mr. James Boldrick, started on Monday morning for Kingston, hoping to see the Bishop there. But his Lordship had left on Saturday for Isle Dorval. They saw Archdeacon Parnell, however, and he undertook to communicate with the Bishop. Mr. Stephenson sent his resignation to the Bishop, and went to Perth, where his family were still residing. The efforts of Archdeacon Par-