

which, when the Chief Priests and Elders had taken knowledge of, they saw that it was not meet that he should longer continue to fill the Priest's Office in that country.

5.—Nevertheless, HEMAN NEHUSHTAN was not at all ashamed, neither did he blush at any of the things which were witnessed against him, but set them at naught and desired that the matters should be brought before the Priests and the Elders of the Province, at the yearly convocation.

CHAP. III.

1.—And it came to pass in the four and twentieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria, in the fifth month, and the eight and twentieth day of the month, that the Priests and the Elders came together to the chief City of the Province to the yearly convocation.

2.—And a certain man of renown, who could speak with divers tongues, and was skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians, and in all the wisdoms of the Eastern Nations, even this man of renown was High Priest that same year, and Charles Stanley, of Monck, was Governor of the Provinces, and Abraham, the son of Lincoln, was President of the States.

3.—And certain men of Belial gathered themselves together from all the region round about, from the Forest of Arthur, Eastward as thou goest by Markham, and Peterboro', and Osnabruck, and Whitby, even to the great River St. Lawrence; and they came and spake privily in the ears of the High Priest, saying:

4.—We know that thou art a man of wisdom and understanding, and that thou wilt be to us a Gamaliel, and much good will be done by sitting at thy feet in the school of the Prophets, and thy presence in the High Priest's office we accept at this time with all thankfulness, and that we be not further tedious unto thee, we pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words touching our brother in the country of Saltships.

5.—Forasmuch as the Chief Priests and the Elders of the Western City of the Lake, have stripped him of his upper garments; and have discovered his nakedness in the sight of all people, and have threatened to break his staff of bread; may it seem good unto thee that we should cast a mantle over our brother's nakedness, and also save him in the priestly office, that he may have bread to eat and raiment to put on.