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proval. But as the Presbytery has thought proper he had no authority for doing so. Andrew's Church of this city. This is a task which bytery separated.

and having casually learned that it was an Open Court, punish, so far as they durst, the difference of opinion we attended for the purpose of noting its proceedings. he conscientiously entertained. them by the Presbytery.

to the scenes enacted in the stern and severe times lemn vows and obligations," is it not wonderful that his undertaken to be shewn by one of the committee. of Scotland is such secession. of the Covenant. The Moderator (Rev. Mr. Lambie) own conscience does not prick him for similar conduct? Where, it was asked, are now the miraculous powers and the Rev. Messrs. Bell (Presbyter Clerk), W. It is fortunate for Messrs. Leach and Ritchie, that with which Christ endued his Apostles? Where are the jury by whom Mr. Leach was to be tried, and it stake for their opinions. The spirit of a Bonner ani- were inspired by the Spirit of God. The inability to the charge of levity and insincerity, declared that he unto slaying. took place; but as the same points were again brought forward, at a subsequent part of the proceedings, it and you solemnly renounced all doctrines, tenets or and you solemnly renounced in substantiating it,

his official duties, and his courteous demeanour towards Messrs. Leach and Ritchie personally. The conference having reported that they had a meeting with the accused parties, but found them unwilling to either retract their opinions, or recede from their Mr. Leach being so questioned, replied that he ad- Church of Scotland. mitted all the material facts, but denied the infe- It is but a proper respect to those with whom I rences; and pleaded guilty to having stated as his have so long been associated to state the reasons that μετα and δια.

1st. That Presbyterian ordination is not valid;

first—admitted having said what appears in the other not conformable to the practice of the Church in the ed the gospel before this transaction; and, as he is such declarations, promises, and engagements being inguilty as regards the facts of heresy, schism, &c. A Besides this, it is with me a matter of perfect con- this ordination was Barnabas's ordination to the min- ordination and admission in the Church of Scotland;

Had the Presbytery of Toronto allowed the Rev. Instry only two days previous to his resignation, he divided that he was not ordained, and did not preach as that notwithstanding you did at the several times. And masmuch such instry only two days previous to his resignation, he as that notwithstanding you did at the several times tery of Edinburgh in the case of Mr. Marshall. Mr. Leach and the Rev. Mr. Ritchie to have resigned was rash and inconsiderate in resigning; but that if those who were divinely authorised to establish it for before; a very irrelevant conclusion it would be.

It is certain indeed, that the case was of such a above specified enter into the solemn vows and entheir pastoral charge in peace, and to have left the his resignation was the result of consideration, the gagements above specified, as also the various other nature, as to try in you somewhat severely that Chris-Presbyterian Church in quietness, we should have two intervening days could not have produced it, and Kingdom of God among men. carefully avoided intermeddling in what was a matter therefore he was guilty of profaning the ordinances of With the most friendly feeling towards you, and entirely beyond the pale of either our censure or ap- religion, by administering them when he considered every member of the Presbytery of Toronto,

to pursue a contrary course, end as all our sympathies The finding the "libel" proven then came up, and have been awakened by the intolerance it has shown, after a long discussion, marked by an unseemly warmth and the persecution it has practised towards these in some of the speakers, it was found proven, all the gentlemen, we should be stemming the current of our Presbytery voting in support of it. The accused Toronto. feelings and doing violence to our opinions, were we party having thus been found guilty, sentence of deto remain silent upon the late proceedings in St. position was read in the usual form, and the Pres-

we freely acknowledge is entered upon not without | Had not our senses testified to the reality of what | reluctance-indeed, there are many considerations we witnessed, we could scarcely have believed that, which render it even painful-it is our desire to avoid, in the nineteenth century, a scene like that which St. character, and to shield them from the arrows launched the walls of a place of worship, five men sat in judgafter them as they went forth from their persecutors. ment upon the belief of a brother, and, after invoking On Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 1842, the Presbytery met, the blessing of God upon their acts, proceeded to

who was to prove the service of the citation on Mr. in the triple character of accusers, witnesses, and mony to its general accuracy. Leach, some delay occurred, and eventually it was jurors—the Presbytery which framed the "libel,"

the Presbytery tendering the resignation of his pas- heresy and schism" of Messrs. Leach and Ritchie, perior order of clergy. toral charge at York Mills, and signifying his purpose the Presbytery would have advanced some argument

answer. The Church was piercingly cold, and looking himself designated "A Court of Jesus Christ" it office of the ministry.

The Presbytery found the "Libel" relevant. Rev. before us; and as the other poured forth a wild torference was here made to some of the instructions of the port of the commonwealth story and the Presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the portant and sacred functions of the portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of the presbyterian Synod of Canada; during the seven portant and sacred functions of th Mr. Ritchie, against whom a nearly similar libel was rent of words, disconnected and unmeaning, it required St. Paul, to Timothy and Titus, "Ordain Presbyters to your being licensed to preach the Gospel, you so the most sacred rite of our holy religion.

is not necessary to notice them here. A conference persons, (three of whom in learning, talent and elopersons, (three of whom in learnin

(Copy of Mr. Leach's Letter of Resignation.)

No. I.

Toronto, November 15, 1842. Rev. and dear Sir,-I have, through you, to request present position, the Rev. Mr. Bell suggested that the Presbytery of Toronto to accept of my resignation tery ordained." the accused should be required to answer guilty or of the charge of York Mills; and I hereby signify not guilty to the offence charged in the libel, and my purpose of continuing no longer a minister of the interpretation of the passage?"

have moved me to determine upon this separation. Government; and now, after the most serious con- of Paul and Barnabas in the Church of Antioch, Acts, would maintain the unity and peace of this Church mit the like offences in all time coming. 3rd. That the form of government of the Presbysideration which it has been in my power to bestow xiii.—It was argued by one of the Committee, that
Signed at Toronto, in name, presence, and by the validity of Presbyterian ordination could be supterian Church is subversive of discipline and order. on the subject, I have arrived at the conclusions, that this was an ordination by Presbyters; that there was appointment of the Presbytery of Toronto, this thirported by me with any arguments that bespoke On the motion of Mr. George, the charges were the ordination of Ministers in the Presbyterian Church no mention except this, of the ordination of Barnabas; would follow no divisive course from the present established by the World Code and the charges were the ordination of Barnabas; thoughtfulness, or consideration—and they did ascertain thoughtfulness, or consideration—and they did ascertain thoughtfulness. read seriatim, and Mr. Leach pleaded not guilty to the is not authorized by the Word of God—and, that it is that there was no mention of Barnabas having preach- tablished discipline and government of this Church—two years, by

long discussion ensued, in which it was attempted to viction, that the Presbyterian form of Church Governistry. be shewn by the Presbytery, that "inconsistency" ment is practically destructive of order—that the To this it was replied, that the case mentioned was character of these solemn vows and engagements so was proved by Mr. Leach having at his ordination right exercise of ecclesiastical authority cannot be not an ordination to an office, but merely an appoint often repeated by you, and at considerable intervals I cannot say that previously to your receiving my portunity of ascertaining the contrary, and might have

EPISCOPACY AND PRESBYTERIANISM. of Nov. 15th he said that, until lately, he had not was not until lately that you were enabled to devote could say so. On the contrary, I apprehended that

I am, Rev. and dear Sir,

Your's most truly, WILLIAM T. LEACH. To the Rev. the Moderator of the Presbytery of

No. II.

Toronto, 21st November, 1842. (Signed) ANDREW BELL,

Presbytery Clerk A brief Minute of the Proceeding at this Conference.

"It does."

"No we will take no man's interpretation of it."

times in the course of the conference.

or Presbyters had authority over others.

of others having authority over them, that you have gagements on your part, you did continue in all re- which you severally preside—to find that right, so you "honour" or "rebuke."

you were persuaded that Presbyterian government and trary to the word of God and the mind of the greater and my first thought in the morning, it certainly did "It does not."

"It does Sir; it is enough for us that the Presbyof God, and agreeable thereto, and did promise to
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All which or part thereof being found proven of want of consideration or inconsiderateness. But known to have preached afterwards; therefore, that variably required of and made by ministers at their

solemn vows and engagements required of ministers of tian Charity, which thinketh no evil, and that wisdom The next matter of controversy regarded those the Church of Scotland at ordination and admission, which might best serve the cause of your God and "elders that ruled well," and were therefore to be and more especially that you did renew the same on mine—It was a case most likely to stir into action "counted worthy of double honour." "That rule the 16th day of August last, at your admission to the the worst of human passions—you were assailed at a well"-which implied it was said, that these Elders pastoral charge at York Mills, and in virtue of the point where it is natural to suppose you would be parministerial and pastoral character and powers confer- ticularly sensitive-To find your right to the position True, but it neither expresses nor implies a denial red upon you in consequence of said vows and en- which you hold in the religious societies, over

authority to honour those Presbyters that rule well; spects to avail yourself of the emoluments and privi- securely and confidently held, questioned—to be to "rebuke them" and "rebuke them sharply" if need leges, and to exercise the functions of a minister of the charged with the error of misleading so many thousands Copy of Part of a Letter addressed to Mr. Leach, by the Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto.

Copy of Part of a Letter addressed to Mr. Leach, by the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with by your influence and example, to find these, and the Church of Scotland, until within two days of the many other things obviously implied or asserted, in Occasion was taken by Mr. Leach at this stage of time when you wrote a letter to the said Presbytery my letter of resignation, could hardly fail to evoke a DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Presbytery of the controversy to refer to the opinions of some of the of Toronto, requesting them to accept of your resigning them to accept of opposition and resentment. But, these very so far as may be, discussions that may grate upon the Andrew's Church presented on the 27th December, and resembled on the 27th December, national or the religious prejudices of Scotchmen and could have taken place; and if in the morning the tery has been appointed to confer with you, "in a The light that might have been shed upon the ques- your purpose of continuing no longer a minister of the made you the more guarded in your proceedings brotherly way," on the subject of your letter to the tion, by such authorities as these, was apparently not Church of Scotland; and in particular, that you did against me. If you had acted prudently you would sense of duty to the Church into whose communion ceedings of the evening forced the memory back to Presbytery last week; and that the Committee will noticed by the committee. A grateful silence ensued, sit and vote in the Synod of the aforesaid Church, at have taken care, that every accusation you made was Messrs. Leach and Ritchie propose to enter, as by a the days when Inquisitions and Auto-da-fes branded meet for that purpose in the Session Room of St. till something was said by Mr. Leach as to the fact, its late session, holden in the city of Montreal, be-supported by unquestionable evidence—you would sense of justice to these gentlemen, to render such the irresistible convictions of conscience as heresy Andrew's Church, Toronto City, on Monday, the 5th rather remarkable as it seemed, that the form of the tween the 7th and 12th days of July last, and in the have avoided the suspicion of being actuated by reaid as may be in our power towards vindicating them and schism; and sought by fire and faggot to stay Dec., next, at 5 P. M., and to request, as I now do, Church of Christ should have been Episcopal for fif- Presbytery of Toronto at its late meetings at York sentment; and, far more cautiously still, would you from the calumnies so bitterly hurled against their the progress of reformed opinions. Assembled within your attendance with them for the aforesaid purpose. teen hundred years. This was at once contradicted Mills, on the 16th day of August last, and at Hornby, have shunned even the appearance of having recourse by the committee; and the assertion hazarded that in the township of Esquesing on the 16th day of Sep- to calumnies in order to disarm my testimony to the for three hundred years from its establishment, it was tember last, at which latter meeting you took part as truth—the temptation to do so was undoubtedly a Presbyterian! The authority of St. Jerome was ad- a member of Presbytery, in the solemn service of in- strong one, and if it appears you have been guilty of The request conveyed by the Clerk of the Presbytery's letter, was punctually complied with, and the tery's letter, was punctually complied with, and the tery letter, was also you did on Sabbath. The members of Presbytery were, at the time of our Most persons have considered impartiality a ne- following account of what passed, being given from Jerome himself denied the authority of a Presbyter the 6th day of November last, or on one or other of ateness, insincerity and irreverence, in making solemn arrival, assembled in a small apartment called, we cessary ingredient in judicial proceedings; but how memory, must be regarded as a very compendious one. to ordain, this authority was not further insisted on. the days of that month, or of October immediately vows and engagements—see date of licence and ordibelieve, the Session Room, where a few ministers sat far this was observed in the present instance, may be Mr. Ritchie, who was present, and a party as much After some conversation about the Waldenses, the preceding, preside at and take part in the ordination nation, &c. &c. awaiting. In consequence of the absence of the party gathered from the fact that the Presbytery of five sat interested in the matter as Mr. Leach, bears testi- controversy terminated. The question of Episcopacy of certain members of the Church at York Mills, to Upon the supposition that this accusation were

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field gleamed in the excited language of another.—
do justice to the everend speaker; and the interest of the Presbytery at this part bytery of Toronto,—you are indicted and accused at of Church government, while you believed it to have has brought the accusation against me not without be expected. The "Libel" was read by Rev. W. Of the four gentlemen who took part in the so-called of the conference, is to be regretted; and, if in what the instance of the Moderator and members of the sanction of those who were divinely authorised to some levity and inconsiderateness and irreverence Bell, who dwelt with much emphasis on those pastrial of Messrs. Leach and Ritchie for an alleged he said, there was any additional argument against said Rev. Presbytery of Toronto. That, albeit, by establish it for the defence and advancement of the themselves—I wont say with insincerity, for a person Sages which were thought to bear against the accused offence committed against themselves, Mr. Rintoul was Apostolical Succession, (which certainly was not pertainly was not a copy of the "Libel" will be found below (Paper the only one who demeaned himself as a gentleman— ceived at the time) the omitting it would be cause of Church of Scotland, inconsiderateness, insincerity, and manifesting levity and irreverence in regard to the ob-No. 3). Mr. Leach was then called upon for his his tone it is true was warm and severe, and his lanligation of the solemn vows and engagements you had by Mr. Leach to the solemn vows and engagemen defence, and produced a written paper which he was guage was too frequently marked by asperity, but his may be called, were answered by Mr. Leach to the repeatedly made and so recently renewed and acted on the very nature of it incapable of proof, it must be about to read—a discussion arose as to the propriety general bearing was courteous. But as regards his effect substantially, that it was not asserted that the gation of such vows and engagements after they have as aforesaid, and rashness and inconsiderateness in regarded as a mere gratuitous calumny, a calumny of his being permitted to do so; it was, however, deof his being permitted to do so; it was, however, dearguments, we would ask him where would have been successors of the Apostles inherited "their personal been made—and rashness and inconsiderateness in casting off the same, and in coming to conclusions and cast on a Christian brother, under the solemnity of a cided that he should read it (the Moderator showing the Protestant faith? where the churches of the Requalities;" their miraculous powers; or even the same admitting convictions directly opposed to and subverjudicial procedure, and "for the glory of God and the in the discussion a gentlemanly and kindly feeling), formation? and where the Church of Scotland itself? magnitude of spiritual graces, by which the Apostles magnitude of spiritual graces, by which the Apostles sive of said solemn vows and engagements, and the whole edification of the Church and the terror of such ofit being understood it should then become the pro- had not the obligation of solemn vows and engage- were so eminently qualified for their mission—that to heretical and schismatical opinions that no ordination principles and powers involved therein, within two days fenders in all time to come!" Perty of the Presbytery. Mr. Leach accordingly ments been considered as nothing when compared assert these was unnecessary to the maintaining of the assert the asser made his reply to the charges, and we can say, with made his reply to the charges, and we can say, with with the truth! Had not Wicliffe acted upon his position assumed, viz: that there is no instance in sence of, a prelatical bishop,—that the Church of cating a full persuasion of the obligation of said vows and irreverence in regard to the obligation of such made his reply to the charges, and we can say, with since the charges, and the ch and upon unprejudiced minds its effects must have and upon unprejudiced minds its effects must have had Successors, to whom they dination of ministers of the Presbyterian Church, is not powers involved therein; or otherwise, if you had come rashness and inconsiderateness in casting off the same." been most forcible. Having concluded, Mr. Leach took no part in the proceedings, beyond voting with intrusted the government of the Church, if any govern- to the said conclusions, and entertained the said conclusions. walked up with a firm step and dignified manner, and the rest of the Presbytery. Mr. Galloway dully acment was to be appointed; and the power to ordain, judicial to the interests of morality and subversive of victions previously to your dispensation of the Sacrairreverence in regard to the obligation of such yows walked up with a firm step and dignified manner, and the rest of the Prestylery. Mr. Ganoway duly aclaid his defence upon the table. A copy of the reply and below, No. 4. The question of relewill be found below, No. 4. The question was, whether the individuals, and of charity and peace among Christians—and selast as aforesaid, and consequently did not regard
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tor of the congregation at York Mills, no such accusaof Scotland, and that you were persuaded that the said November last, to be your conclusion, that the ordin-1 Tim. ii. 14,—" Neglect not the gift that is in discipline and Church government are founded upon ation of ministers in the Presbyterian Church is not the Presbytery, during the lapse of so many years, gave had acted in the sincerity of his heart, and conscienthe Censure passed by these reverend gentlemen, the Holy Scriptures, agreeable thereto—and solemnly authorised in the word of God, and did use and allow me the slightest intimation of such a fault. One tiously, as believing it to be in accordance with the cannot affect Messrs. Leach and Ritchie in the estiing on of the hands of the Presbytery," was cited by promised that you would submit yourself to the said to be worded as containing your deliberate opinion might have expected that some admonition would discipline and covernment and would never endeavour. doctrine promulgated by the Saviour. The "Libel" mation of any right-minded and unbiased man. It a member of the Committee as an instance of Presby- discipline and government, and would never endeavour the following statements and words in the course of have been given him, were it only out of kindness or in his case was also found relevant Some discussion may gratify the harsh feelings of some; but we canterian Ordination. But who composed the Presbydirectly or indirectly the prejudice or subversion of
conference between a committee of said Presbytery charity. I can only profess myself utterly at a loss

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—and in the course of the said conference did also they fail to do so. clined by Mr. Ritchic, and the Presbytery withdrew, cution) can afford pleasure to many.—The Church was indeed present, seemed, at least, highly probable and renouncements, being invariably required of, and expressly avow the opinion "that no ordination is valid the next part of this accusation is, "levity and expressly avow the opinion "that no ordination is valid to the course of the same." having adjourned to half-past six in the evening.

of Scotland in its day has suffered oppression enough made by successful candidates for license in the Church but that conferred by or in presence of a prelatical rashness in casting off the same."

Supposing that At the Evening Session, the Moderator's Chair to have taught it mercy; and it ought to be the last to have taught it mercy; and it ought to be the last bishop." You do entertain and hold the heretical this accusation were true, which it is not, it is always was taken by the Rev. Mr. Galloway, its former occuto raise a persecuting howl against any who through on of my hands."

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submit to the said government and discipline, and to against you, the said Mr. William Turnbull Leach, then, their accusation is so flatly made, that I would "It is not enough for me—will you take Calvin's concur with the same, and never to endeavour directly by the said Reverend Presbytery of Totonto, before almost be persuaded to believe myself a fool and guilty or indirectly the prejudice or subversion thereof, but which you are to be tried in terms of your own public of all the wickedness which they impute, were it not to the utmost of your power, in your station, to main- confession, or after habile and competent proof, You, that having some remembrance of the matters that so Here followed some criticism on the prepositions tain, support, and defend the said discipline and Pres- the said William Turnbull Leach, ought to be punished deeply interested me, and some remaining consciousbyterian government by Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries. according to the rules and discipline of the Church, ness of my personal identity, I know that their accu-This not being regarded by Messrs. Leach and Provincial Synods and General Assemblies during all and the usage observed in such cases for the glory of sation is perfectly false. It was not until lately that I was enabled to de- Ritchie as the unexceptionable instance required, a the days of your life,—and you did further solemnly God, the edification of the Church, and to the terror Besides, this is an accusation which it was really 2nd. That the Presbyterian Church is not the vote any time to the important question of Church member of the Committee cited that of the ordination of the Church of Anticely that I was the church, and to the terror vow and engage, that according to your power, you of others holding the same sacred office, not to composite for them to ascertain whether my decided to the church of the Church of Anticely that I was the church as the unexceptional to the terror vow and engage, that according to your power, you of others holding the same sacred office, not to composite for them to ascertain whether my decided to the church of the

WM. BINTOUL, Mod. P. T. And'w. Bell, Presby. Clerks

taken certain vows and obligations which implied an maintained by it, but that on the contrary the relation ment to a temporary mission, the narrative of which of time, you do now declare in your letter to the Pres- letter of resignation, I anticipated from you a right prolonged that opportunity till now, if such had been follows the record of the appointment, and is conclud- bytery of Toronto, dated 15th November last, that it construction of my motives—I should be happy if I their inclination. It is stated too, several times in

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was no longer argued; and the Moderator declared the office of ruling elders; and farther, that you did, just, it would be extremely gratifying to learn by what The business of the evening was commenced with that there was no probability of arriving at a satisfac- on Sabbath the 13th day of November last, dispense remarkable species of evidence the Presbytery of determined to proceed without him, it being assumed sat in judgment on its allegations; and the Pres- a prayer by the Moderator. The less solemn part of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the members Toronto arrived at their conclusion. Unless the by the Presbytery that Mr. Leach would raise no bytery which the accused parties had provoked by the conference followed. After a little hesitation, ference, in a brotherly way," which Mr. Leach had been of the Church at York Mills, and throughout the Presbytery desire me to believe what they say, simply objections on that score. The Presbytery, and those leaving, erected itself into a tribunal of condemnation some question, from one of the Committee, gave Mr. "requested to attend," suddenly changed its character whole series of the acts and ministrations above spewho were present, then adjourned to the body of the —throughout all their proceedings, from the receipt Leach occasion to say, that the fact stated in his let-Church, when, the Moderator having taken his seat, of Mr. Leach's letter of resignation to the passing ter of resignation, was the best explanation of the serious business; and, when the clerk of the Presby- any of the said acts and ministrations above specified, that the Presbytery should have had so clear a vision the roll was read, prayer was made, and Messrs. sentence of deposition, the minds of the Presbyters course of conduct taken by him, viz.—"That the or-Leach and Ritchie, who were in attendance, were had been made up—a foregone conclusion had been dination of ministers in the Presbyterian Church is and answers, various questions were put to Mr. Leach Synod, or Presbytery, or Kirk Session, any hesitation himself under the obligation of solemn vows and called upon to answer to the charges preferred against arrived at ere they came into court—and, upon so not authorised in the Word of God," and that if they with great solemnity, one after another, and the greater or doubt as to the validity and propriety thereof; and engagements. This is a circumstance which really palpable a mockery of judicial proceedings, they find could shew him the contrary, he was open to convic- part of them answered with perfect simplicity—Mr. and farther, in the course of a conference between a perplexes my understanding, more especially as some For the proper understanding of the case, it will Messrs. Leach and Ritchie guilty—of what? of wortion, and would continue without hesitation in the Leach, for one, never having dreamed that these and committee of the Presbytery of Toronto and you, on of these solemn vows and engagements were made by be as well that we should briefly narrate the antece- shipping God according to the dictates of conscience! religious communion he had previously professed, and swers were to be clutched "in the way of a brotherly the 5th day of December instant, you did declare and me, before any member of the Presbytery, as I supdent events which led to the present proceeding.— and in all the intolerance of narrow minds, they proceed that for this end, all he would require from the Com-On the 15th November last, Rev. Mr. Leach (and to depose those who had already left their communion! mittee would be, to show him a single unexceptionable and persecuting judicial proceeding against him. we take his case throughout as involving more or we take his case throughout as involving more or line 15th November last, Nev. 14t. Leach (and to depose these who had a present and propany for distance, in the Word of God, of an ordination having and then, how they should have forgotten them for so less that of Rev. Mr. Ritchie) addressed a letter to pronouncing sentence against what they called "the laken place, without the agency of one, at least, of a su-following:—Do you consider the Church of Scotland did, on the 15th day of November last, and within many years, and only remembered them the other day, a Church of Christ? The answer given to this, which three months of your solemn renewal of your ordinal is a matter truly wonderful,—how all this preter-A conversation ensued about the signification of seems to havegiven much offence, was in these words—tion vows as aforesaid, and within two days after the natural knowledge should so suddenly be concentrated, of no longer continuing a member of the Church of no longer continuing a member of the Church of to show that the opinions they so rashly condemned the words "Presbyter,"—"Bishop,"—"Overseer," the words "Presbyter,"—"Bishop,"— Scotland—a copy of this letter is appended below were heretical and schismatic—but we listened in Scotland—a copy of this letter is appended below pensation of the Lord's Supper, and according to your and insincerity and inconsiderateness," would appear (Paper No. 1). The Presbytery thereupon appointed vain for such arguments. The only approach to ar- were sometimes named "Bishops," and "Bish a Committee to hold a "brotherly conference" with gument was made by Mr. Rintoul, and his remarks "Presbyters;" and a considerable part of the confethat it was not thrust apon the Committee by Mr. any of your co-Presbyters after you began to enterhow strangely people's passions sometimes dictate to Mr. Leach regarding the subjects contained in his went more to show the effects Mr Leach's opinions rence passed in plodding amidst a jumble of words, their judgment. To be the searcher of hearts, is letter, and, on the 5th Dec., a meeting took place would have upon the Church of Scotland, than to which have no bearing at all upon the matter in question and by them made public. Upon reflection they in which as aforesaid you signify your purpose of conaccordingly; the proceedings at which will be found demonstrate that they were heretical or schismatic. It was contended on the part of Mr. Leach, may even admit the possibility of its being correct. It was contended on the part of Mr. Leach, may even admit the possibility of its being correct. in Paper No. 2, appended below. The result of this Unless it were admitted that the Church of Scotland that the words "Bishop," "Presbyter," &c. were of The Committee were well aware before putting land, on the ground, as you state, that after the most not agreed to repudiate.—Nor do I mean the slightest conference was soon apparent, for, on the 13th of the was alone the Church of Christ, and all other per- no force in the argument,—that these words were not the question that had Mr. Leach considered the serious consideration which it had been in your power offence if I deny that the Presbytery are in possession same month of Dec., a sort of indictment (technically suasions heretical and schismatic, Mr. Rintoul's arguthen appropriated as they are now—that they gave | Church of Scotiand a Church of Scotian termed in the Scotch Church "a Libel") was drawn up and agreed to by the Presbytery. The accusations While condemning Mr. Leach for "levity," did it be controverted was, the existence of a superior order, speak of numbers of Church is not authorised in the word of the spirits of their fellow controverted was, and that, whether contained in that "Libel," Mr. Leach was cited to be in the authority of ordaining others to the Church of Christ being a better Church of Christ being a bett at the shivering forms of the few who were assembled, at the shivering forms of the few who were assembled, was worse than "levity" to illustrate his philippic large of the mainstry.

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found, made no other defence beyond avowing that, so no stretch of imagination to believe Bothwell Brigg in every city," "To receive not an accusation against lemnly declared that you owned the Presbyterian And in so far as you did declare it in your said in Toronto; and during the three months I was pas-

tain it .- After an earnest controversy, the majority of the Presbytery must have known that I had bestowed some serious consideration upon the subject; and the wonder is, for it is all very wonderful, that a day or two after, they should judicially accuse me of "levity"