

that all the *rights* are on one side and a mere assumption of arbitrary power on the other.

Gentlemen, we conclude this unavoidably long statement by expressing the hope that we have satisfied your Board that a grievous wrong has been committed in the McEntyre case.

The poor young man has passed to his Judge, with the long-cherished wish of his heart unsatisfied, through the conduct of the officials of the General Hospital, of which you represent the highest authority. McEntyre is beyond your reach, you can not repair the injury done him; but his trusted pastor so unworthily treated still survives, you can make some amends to him, and you can protect from any injury, similar to that inflicted on McEntyre, other patients who in their need may seek the advantages of the Hospital, and may think it for their eternal interests to use their religious liberty, as he wished to do.

We are willing to forget the past if your Board will give us what is asked for in the 2nd resolution—"an ample guarantee that perfect freedom shall be given to all patients in the General Hospital to ask for the clergyman of their choice, and to all Catholic priests, when called for, to attend without obstacle or hindrance of any kind from any official of the institution, to the spiritual care of all those who may choose their ministry." We disown altogether every attempt at proselytism, but we claim, in the largest sense, liberty of conscience. Our priests have always carried their respect for this liberty of conscience, in regard to the patients in the Hospital, even to the extreme of delicacy,—they challenge accusation, or even reasonable suspicion on this point. Should some further precaution be judged necessary, the doctor can ascertain for himself the wish of the patient, only however, in the presence of the priest, or at least of some trustworthy Catholic,—any different arrangement cannot inspire confidence. Nor should this demand appear unreasonable to your Board, since neither on the Committee of Management nor amongst officials of the Hospital have Catholics a single representative.

In the love of peace, in the interest of the General Hospital, and