

Diocese to have a man ministering in one of its parishes over whose head hangs such a dreadful charge; and it would seem to be the duty of every Churchman, but especially of every clergyman, and chiefly of the Rev. Mr. Halliwell himself, to demand of the Bishop that this terrible charge should be investigated. If the charge be false and malicious, as is alleged, one would think that Mr. Halliwell would proceed by law against one or more of the parties who have made the charge over their signatures, for defamation of character.

In April, 1876, the Bishop seemed to be alive to the gravity of the situation, for he sent the Rev. F. L. Stephenson to the parish, and the Mission Board professed to withdraw Mr. Halliwell's grant. But Mr. Halliwell stood his ground, and continued, in defiance of the Bishop, to minister to such as would receive him. No intimation came from his Lordship to any of the stations outside of Stirling, and the people actually could not tell whether Mr. Stephenson was not an intruder, or whether the Bishop found any fault with Mr. Halliwell. At this crisis the Vestry of St John's Church, Stirling, failing to obtain any redress from the Bishop, presented a memorial to the Synod praying for an investigation into the charges against Mr. Halliwell. This memorial was referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. Lewin, Incumbent of Prescott, Mr. Shannon, editor of the *Kingston Daily News*, and Mr. Radenhurst, barrister, of Perth. This Committee carefully investigated the case, and examined witnesses on both sides. The Report recommended that a Commission should be issued to investigate the case. But the Synod was adjourned before the Report could be presented, and when it was called for at the Synod in June, 1877, it was found that it had been suppressed, and did not appear as it should have done in the journal of the Synod for that year. Moreover, the memorial to the Synod, which had been received and which was in the custody of the Synod, was handed back to one of the delegates from Stirling, by some person unknown to him, just as he was getting on the train at the Grand Trunk station.

On the afternoon of Friday, 23rd June, 1876, just after