

violating his pledge of canonical obedience, could he yield to a pressure full of menace, and no more thinking as a clergyman of surrendering his principles, being threatened, than he would have thought as a Naval officer of striking his flag in the face of an enemy until his superior officer displayed the signal to "cease firing"; he met the resolution with a letter, in every line of which there breathes the spirit of a man determined at any cost to do his duty.

"To the resolution enclosed to me this day I desire
 "to give an immediate and unequivocal reply. As a
 "Christian Pastor I gladly admit the obligation to do
 "everything in my power for the general welfare of the
 "Church, and of the Parish of S. Paul's in particular.

"With this obligation in remembrance, I have
 "promoted the institution of the Diocesan Assembly,
 "and assisted in forming its Constitution.

"Under the same influence I intend (God willing)
 "to exercise my right as a Presbyter of Nova Scotia, to
 "take part in its future deliberations, and to record my
 "vote as my conscience shall dictate, and with the hope,
 "by God's help, to serve the cause of Christ and His
 "Church.

"And further, it is my decided purpose to observe
 "and carry out all the Canons and Ordinances of the
 "said Assembly or Synod, always saving the undoubted
 "right of Christianity 'to obey God rather than man.'"

The threatened punishment followed quickly. The letters of the Curates were read in a Parish meeting, and acknowledged in the following notice of dismissal:—