

get the past and go to Church. But not in this way could the matter be settled. The congregation, now seeing that it was vain to appeal to the Bishop, appealed to the courts of law. The Court of Chancery gave judgment against Mr. Halliwell, notwithstanding he appealed three times.

On the conclusion of this suit, the congregation forwarded a memorial to the Bishop charging Mr. Halliwell (in addition to their former charges) with having made false statements under oath on several occasions in the recent suit, and requesting his Lordship to issue a Commission in accordance with the provisions of Canon VIII. This the Bishop declined to do, alleging as a reason that he had been advised by the Chancellor of the Diocese, Dr. Henderson, that the charges against Mr. Halliwell amounted to perjury, and, as this was a crime punishable by law, the Courts of the Church could not try a clergyman for it. If this be the case, it is hard to see any use for the Canon at all, and unless the parishioners undertake to bring their clergyman to justice (which they are for the most part unwilling to do) we may have to witness men charged with grievous crimes ministering at our altars and undertaking to preach to the people the unsearchable riches of Christ. We should have thought that rather than countenance such a thing as that, a Bishop would run almost any risk. Other Bishops think or act differently. Bishop Helmuth at once suspended a clergyman in his Diocese who was accused of forgery, but afterwards acquitted; and, in the Buckingham case, Bishop Fulford did not delay suspending the Incumbent, though he too was afterwards acquitted in a court of law. And the words of the Canon (Canon VIII., Sec. 2) make no such exception: "That in every case of any Clerk in Holy Orders * * * * * who may be charged with any *crime*, * * * * * or concerning whom there may exist scandal or evil report, it shall be lawful for the Bishop, on the application of the party complaining thereof, or, if he shall think fit, of his mere motion, to issue a Commission." * * * * * There was ample power in the Bishop's hands to issue a Commission; but, as after events proved, for some reason or other he was determined *not* to do so. It is not very creditable to the