

or cast the entire blame on others. No, they came forward as men, as gentlemen, as christians, to bear their full share of the burden, and to tender an apology, such as must be satisfactory to any gentleman. They tendered the olive branch of peace; and in that same spirit they went on to the second part of the amendment. But it would perhaps be said, well, if you are willing to make peace, why not undo what you have done? That involved a different question. It was the introduction of this paper, which was the occasion of strife, and a large number of persons entertained the opinion that its continued reception would diminish the number of subscribers to the Association and be a continual source of ill feeling. It was replied, however, that on every principle of fair play, as other religious journals were taken, this should be taken also. But there were in Canada a considerable number of religious newspapers, and though some more generally sought for were taken, about three fourths of them were not taken. Why then should the smallest body of all make this bitter complaint? If these local papers were not taken, why should any one feel annoyed that a foreign journal was excluded?

A VOICE—Are they presented gratuitously?

Mr. WINN continued—The question of the paper being given certainly ought not to be taken into consideration. If its reception would lose subscribers, the Association would be the loser though they paid nothing to have the paper. But, as he was observing, as there was no local Unitarian organ there could be no cause of complaint. There were thirty or forty religious newspapers published in the United States, of which only one, which was the organ of several christian bodies was received; it was therefore most unreasonable to expect that a paper, the organ of the very smallest body should be taken, while the rest were excluded. He would appeal to the kindly feelings of gentlemen of the Unitarian faith—he would ask themselves—when the Board was ready to unsay what it had said to give offence, would they ask us to receive a paper the receiving of which would do mischief to the Institution?—Much had been said about intolerance; but he had long learned to appreciate loud talking of that kind at its worth. The more loudly the lion roared, the more certain was it that he was—you know what a lion's skin. Therefore he did not feel much hurt at imputations of bigotry and intolerance. If to do all he could to sustain the society was to be illiberal, he was illiberal; if to love peace were intolerant, he was intolerant; if to cherish a warm sense of the benefits of that Association were bigotry, he was a bigot.

Mr. ALEX. MORRIS confessed that he felt pleasure in seeing so large a number of members of the Association present on that occasion, though he regretted the circumstances which had given rise to the meeting, and especially regretted their occurrence at a time when the Association was about to appeal to the public for pecuniary aid. Whatever, the decision might be that night, it seemed too probable that that appeal would be injured by the present discussion. He was as much in favour of toleration as any man could be; but he felt that the Directors were elected to carry on the business of the Association, according to their best discretion, and that they ought to be supported in their measures by their constituents. The Board felt they were responsible for the effect of their proceedings, and that while prejudices existed in this community, opposed to the reception of this paper, it was necessary that it should be excluded. There was an unconscious mistake, however, in the remarks of the gentleman who moved this resolution. The second Board found the paper excluded, and declined to receive it, believing it not to be for the interests of the Association to do so. He was also mistaken in saying that the first minute for rejecting the resolution was forced through the Board a minute before the Board was dissolved. The first intention was to recommend the following Board to consider the subject, and it was only when the chairman refused to put this vote, because it would embarrass their successors that the minute was adopted.

Mr. MURRAY did not refuse to put the resolution referred to. He merely stated that a recommendation would fetter the succeeding Board.

Mr. McDONALD said he was present at the meeting in question, and in his opinion, Mr. Morris was nearest the truth.

Mr. MORRIS continued—It was an unfortunate mistake that the resolution was sent by the Secretary of the Association to the agent of the newspaper, because it was plain that that might wound the feelings of Mr. Workman. The true question to be decided was, whether it were expedient to take this paper in the interest of the Association—whether it would contribute to the interests of the Institution. He believed it could not conduce to the harmony of the Association. The first religious papers came