

## Vindication and Death

England that he should at once leave the missionary work in the hands of his colleagues, and come across the ocean to answer the grave charges. From the tenor of the letters it seemed evident that the officials of the church were already much biased against him, and that he would have a difficult task in disabusing their minds of the prejudices with which the slanders of his enemies had filled them.

With inexpressible grief he broke up his home, and, what was sadder still, relinquished the work so near his heart, and then bade farewell to his weeping Indian converts, and with his wife and daughter returned to Canada by the long and toilsome canoe route, to which we have referred so fully and so frequently.

Some little time was spent in Lower Canada among loving and sympathising friends; and then he and Mrs. Evans crossed the great ocean for England, to meet face to face the missionary secretaries and others selected to hear his story and his defence.

Not very cordial was his reception. We regret to have to record, that at first he met only with coldness and neglect. So biased were even high church dignitaries by the persistent circulation of the lying charges against him, that they, forgetting his marvellous work, were deeply prejudiced against him.

It is a maxim in law, to consider a man innocent until he is proven guilty. This ought to have been uppermost in the minds at least of his