ANCIENT HISTORY.

CHAPTER IV.

ND in due time the Grand Council of the Sanhedrehm having remitted the charges and counter charges which had been excharged between the high priest of the Church of the Scotsmen and the elders of the congregation to the grand district gathering of presbyters, that august body gathered with all due pomp and circumstance in the synagogue of St. Andrew. And a goodly number were present both of saints and sinners.

2 ¶ But when he who had been appointed to preside over and direct the deliberations of the Council called upon them to join together in praise and supplication and thanksgiving, it was hard to discover those who were the elect and those who were not.

3 ¶ Then said the ruler of the Council, what do I hear? It is not meet that these things be so. It is a scandal of which I have the complaint, wherefore those who are our enemies wag their heads and revile us, saying that we no longer live together in peace and unity.

4 ¶ Then up arose one, whose name being interpreted is Bawl-on-Time, and demanded that nothing be concealed and that all the records be produced.

5 And Robert the son of Mickin required that persons whose list is as long as the moral law be called upon to give true and faithful testimony.

6 But this was not pleasing to the Saint called after Patrick, who with much weeping lifted up his voice and protested.

7 Then said Bawl-on-Time, let him that is without sin against you cast a stone at me and my friends.

8 And the Council said, 'tis well.

9 All that he said with the declarations of those who raised their standards against him whose it was to serve the altar and thence breathe forth threatenings and slaughter, behold are they not written in the chronicles of the people as written in the books of Ell-Gisan and churchman.

10 And the evening and the morning were the first day.

11 ¶ And on the second the Saint stretched forth his hand and order having been created where had been tumult, opened his mouth in parablehow that he who with ten talents had gained other ten ought not to be cast night, will doubtless attract a large

into outer darkness as he who had wrapped up his one talent and buried it in the earth. But like Jerusalem, which had killed the prophets and slain all those who were sent into them, what was there to be expected from a stiff-necked and perverse people both in heart and ears?

12 ¶ Had not the meekest man in all the earth come short of the promises, and what had they to do with him, had he not always been slow to anger and of great kindness?

13 No longer could one take no thought for the morrow; ravens fed prophets no more and raiments like Solomon's were not to be gathered in the fields.

14 And the whole congregation arose and said 'tis well !

15 Then said the Saint, these things being so, I cannot live on what ye consent to pay; I cannot dig and to beg I am ashamed. What must I do? The children of this world are wiser than the children of the light, in matters that are of the earth, earthy.

16 And he lifted up his voice and wept.

17 Then arose much conversation. and witnesses declared of what they had seen and pretended to know.

18 ¶ Then the Council withdrew into the inner court and, after long consideration, arose when the night was far spent and the daylight at hand.

19 ¶ On the moriow, the further work of the Council was undertaken. and, after much thought, much sorrow and much supplication, all were enjoined to seek the things that make for peace.

20 Are not all these things known, and are they not given for our learning so that he that thinketh he standeth may take heed lest he fall, while those that read may learn that the ways of the Council are not those of m n, but that in all concerns the golden rule prevails.

21 If thine enemy smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 22 Then was there great rejoicing in those days, and, falling on the neck of the Saint, they all kissed him, save several sors of Belial who were of the earth, earthy, and they thought not on their latter end.

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