

out a case against me, personally, your Lordship might, ere this, have been "in a condition to say" whether my speech at Islington, as explained by me, in reply to "Presbyter," was in accordance with facts or not, instead of issuing THREE PASTORALS, containing chiefly personal abuse, and a confession, notwithstanding, that you are as yet not in a position to pronounce upon the subject, which, as you allege, "demanded your interference."

The Bishop of Huron, however, whose experience in Canada extends over thirty years, corroborates my statements made in England, and in his *Charge* delivered to his Clergy in June last, he alludes thus to the subject:—

"Exception has been taken as to some statements made by the Archdeacon at a meeting in London. I have examined those statements, as explained by the Archdeacon, and so far as the part of Canada with which I have been intimately acquainted for nearly thirty years is concerned, I feel assured that his statements are strictly in accordance with facts. With many of the dioceses in British North America I have had very little or no acquaintance, therefore I cannot from my own knowledge speak of them. But as Dr. Hellmuth has acted for so many years as the representative of the Colonial and Continental Church Society in British North America, I should not be disposed to question his testimony as to the religious state of these dioceses.

"I think it due to Archdeacon Hellmuth to state here that my confidence in his sincerity, his piety, and veracity is entirely unshaken, and that I shall continue thankfully to avail myself of his valuable services, in which he has proved himself a faithful and efficient laborer.

"One thing I must not omit to state, that my instructions to Archdeacon Hellmuth were, that he should solicit aid from our brethren at home for an institution which should be thoroughly Protestant and Evangelical, so that hereafter, when the constitution and laws of the institution are made public, no charge may lie against him of having sought and obtained aid under false pretences."

From the foregoing facts, deduced even from your Lordship's own admissions, no justification whatsoever remains for the issue of your three Encyclical letters.

Under these circumstances, is it possible to avoid the painful conclusion that personal hostility may have induced you to hazard assertions against my character, which you have entirely failed to substantiate? while I have proved, by incontrovertible facts, documentary evidence, and by an appeal to living witnesses, that they are as groundless as they are harsh and unjustifiable.

Had I not a right to look for more just treatment at your Lordship's hand? And when before the bar of public opinion I had fully absolved myself, I looked for that reparation which is due to one who has been unjustly accused.