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HON. MR. READ—I would suggest to the leader of the House: would it not be better that this debate should be expunged from the official report? It is not very nice literature to enter on our records.

HON. MR. ALMON—I have the strongest objection to anything of the kind. I voted from conscientious motives in favor of this Bill, and I think many hon. gentlemen on the other side have allowed their feelings to influence them in the vote they gave. I object to the report being suppressed.

HON. MR. READ (Quinté)—You are the only pure minded gentleman in the House.

HON. MR. ALMON—I do not claim anything of the kind, but I am an older man than many in this House, and am not so influenced by feelings of sympathy as younger men are liable to be; therefore I would like to have the vote entered and the report of the debates published.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I presume the hon. gentleman from Quinte means the objectionable features of it should be expunged?

HON. MR. ALMON—We are to answer to the House of Commons for what we have done, and, therefore, they have a right to see our debates.

HON. MR. DICKEY—The fact is, the Bill does not go down out of this House at all. Our vote ends it.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I may say that I have seldom seen in debates of this kind an instance in which there has been less objectionable language used, but I have no objection to have my remarks expunged. I do not, however, think there is anything in it that would be demoralizing in its tendency.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Personally I think it would be advantageous to the cause of morality if this kind of debate were not published and circulated; at the same time I do not know how far the introduction of a precedent which would give to the majority of this House the right to exclude what the minority would say in it, would be safe. That is the one doubt I feel about it, that this rule might be applied to any subject and after a discussion, where the minority were endeavoring to vindicate their rights, the majority might refuse to allow it to go to the public. I agree with the hon. member from Quinté that it would be better to expunge this debate from our report only for establishing the principle that the views of the minority might not be presented to the public on another occasion.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—The mere expression of the opinion of the House in this way is not a sufficient direction to the Debates Committee. It seems to me that the proper way is for some hon. member to make a motion, and have the Speaker put it from the chair.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I think the House is ready to take the suggestion of the leader, not to expunge the debate.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—Could it not be done in some way to show that it is an exceptional case, on account of the subject of the discussion, and that the expunging of this report is not to be taken as a precedent for any other question.

HON. MR. DEVER—What has been said that we need be ashamed of?

HON. MR. ALMON—If the House does not wish any discussion on divorce cases to go into the record, let such debates take place with closed doors: but after the notes have been taken by the reporters and members have given their reasons for voting, it should not be expunged. I am moreover anxious that this debate should