

10.—Unable or unwilling to perceive the principle involved, it fastened with unfortunate tenacity upon the alleged unworthiness of Mr. Collett's character and the consequent falsehood of his statements; passing over the Bishop's own letter to which I called their attention, defending, with a clearness admitting of no misconception, a Clergyman who had carried out the system in question—a system which His Lordship acknowledges to have laid down. They, then, in order to insult me, who had refused to accept their representations of Mr. Collett's character, admit them to be "aspersions" and charge them upon me.

11.—The Committee not only required that I should be so deluded as to believe and be guided by "aspersions" stated at the time to be such; but to believe that I was the author of the "aspersions" against which I had protested, and thus do more than fulfil the oracle. With consistent rigour they charge me with the entire "responsibility" of their own affront to common sense, truth, and myself.

12.—I believe Mr. Collett to be an upright and respectable man; but, supposing for the sake of argument, that he is as bad as he was represented to me to be, and that certain details in his pamphlet were swept away with the "candle ends" alluded to in the "Report;" yet, as I have stated in the correspondence, if certain four letters are not fabrications, the main point adverted to remains established.

13.—In the serious difficulty created in my mind, in relation to my adopting the agency of this Society, and finding that I was expected to subscribe towards the support of its funds, from which the Clergy are indiscriminately maintained, when by so doing I appeared to sanction proceedings which are not in harmony with the character of the Church of England and which I entirely disapproved, I paused; and resolved myself to distribute my contributions, towards the support of the Clergy and for Church purposes, and not through the medium of the Newfoundland Church Society.