

in the pulpit: "My churchwardens are liars; Mr. —— (meaning one of the churchwardens) is a liar. This was a happy company before —— came to the parish, and it would be better for us if the —— did not come into the church." The churchwarden who had been named rose and left the church. As he passed down the aisle the rector shouted from the pulpit: "The wicked flee and none pursueth." Of course there was a conflict of testimony, but the Judge and the Archbishop could have come to only one conclusion. They approved the order of the Bishop.

A JUDGE'S VIEW OF A RECTOR'S DUTY.

Mr. Justice Coleridge, in language worthy of his illustrious father—whose exquisite diction earned him the *sobriquet* "silver-tongued"—said in the course of his judgment:

"With regard to his language used in the parish the evidence shows that he has an ungoverned temper. Here again we must not be too critical. Some men are slow to wrath; some have irascible tempers. Because a man is a clergyman we must not expect that he must therefore, of necessity, change his disposition. An occasional expletive, hastily uttered, and at once repented of, may be excused by human infirmity. But the habitual use of such language unfits a man to be a clergyman. It produces the worst impression, saps his influence, and encourages others, to whom he ought by his calling to show an example, to be foul-mouthed and unrestrained in their utterances. I find as a fact that the appellant is in the habit of using foul language, and in doing so, not as an unfortunate exception, but as a habit, he has been guilty of negligence. A quarrelsome disposition with his neighbours, if indulged in, and especially if accompanied by intemperate language and violent and threatening gestures, is calculated to undermine the whole influence which a clergyman should wield. I find that in several instances this has been proved by the evidence, and that in this matter he has been guilty of negligence. Finally, a clergyman should at all times be a man of peace."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, after reciting passages from the ordination service to show how the appellant had failed to be