

that the system had the appearance of permitting a Clergyman to put his price upon the ordinances of the Church and the ministrations he dispenses among his people.

6.—The arguments used against me, throughout, were in the sense that Mr. Collett was—what the Archdeacon at his interview with me represented him, in the most ignominious terms, to be—a man utterly unworthy of belief. In stating that I could not in justice accept that representation of Mr. Collett's character until I had further proof on the matter, I observed that even if that person's character was as bad as represented to be, it did not affect the principle involved. At this point terminated the correspondence on the subject; which, by the Archdeacon, was referred to the Committee of the Newfoundland Church Society.

7.—The Resolution of the Committee is founded upon this correspondence and upon the Archdeacon's report to the Committee of what had transpired at his interview with me: the gist of their arguments written and oral being that Mr. Collett was a man without honor or virtue—statements declared almost in the same breath by the parties who put them forth to be “aspersions.”

8.—This marvellous resolution, with a fatuity in harmony with its entire character, with a kindness fortunate though unintentional, itself declares the falsehood of the ground on which it offers an insult to me, refutes the argument on which the resolution itself was based, leaving, certainly, not an atom of its reasoning behind, but, still, all the baneful influences of discord, and a gross and infatuated insult offered to the Governor, who is singled out as the “Representative of Her Majesty” and directed to conform to “the Royal Instructions” to him.

9.—This Committee, assuming to represent and to control, and actually coercing, the entire Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in this Colony, and to prescribe the conditions of Church Membership, affords a most disheartening specimen of the wisdom and gentleness with which, without admitting any restraint, it would exercise its large powers.

+ “Scoundrel and liar.”