

resolution is an expression of thankfulness for his Lordship's Pastoral and an acknowledgement that it had fully disposed of the charges contained in the letters of the Rev. Mr. Hill. If I am rightly informed, it was proposed by the Rev. Canon Hensley, the learned Professor of Pastoral Theology at King's College, and was supported by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Jno. Storrs, and by the Rev. J. O. Ruggles, the Rector of Kentville; whose names did not appear with the large majority of the clergy who had signed the Diocesan Address.

Enough has been said and done, in this painful conflict to convince the minds not cramped with inveterate prejudice, that the ground taken by the Rector of St. Paul's, is altogether untenable, and that the offensive letters never ought to have been written.

It seems to me that the most graceful, as well as the most Christian way for bringing this controversy to a close, is the plea of error in judgment, which, I have no doubt would be accepted by the Bishop, and by the clergy, who, feeling themselves aggrieved by the unprovoked attack upon their Chief Pastor, have risen up to vindicate his office, and to testify to his fidelity.

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#### TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHURCH CHRONICLE.

Mr. Editor,—The *London Record* in its issues of the 10th and 21st of Dec., gives a version of the late dispute between the Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Rev. Canon Cochran, which demands some notice where the facts are best known, as the cause of religion can gain nothing by misrepresentation. To be as concise as possible, I will state the *Record's* charge against the Bishop, with the necessary comment.

"By an unparralleled abuse of power, he dismissed from his pastoral charge, the oldest, most eminent, and most useful clergyman of the diocese, because he refused to preach in the surplice."

I shall say nothing against the comparative age, eminence or usefulness of the Reverend Canon Cochran,—but seeing the Bishop leased the chapel in his own name, was responsible for the rent, and all other expenses (except Mr. Cochran's salary, which was paid by the English Government) and as I am informed has actually given out of his own pocket a considerable sum, more or less, every year, it does seem rather hard to oust his Lordship from "his own hired house," and hand it over in this cool way to the Reverend "gentleman," who was to all intents and purposes the Bishop's curate, and therefore was bound to obey his Rector.

I have been told that the congregation used to make up some £30 or £40 annually as a New Year's gift to their officiating minister, who was also allowed by the Bishop to deduct his commission upon all the offertory collections passing through his hands, while his Lordship had so much more to pay each year in order to make up the deficiency thus caused by the appropriation to Mr. Cochran's benefit, of money which might otherwise have been applied towards the liquidation of the cost of keeping open the chapel.

2. "The Bishop having taken away the Rev. Canon Cochran's position as minister of Salem Chapel, benevolently allows him to retain charge of the poor,—thus adding insult to injury."

The offer to Rev. Canon Cochran to allow him to retain charge of the poor, was in order that he might retain his English salary—that being the duty for which he came to Halifax.

3. "The Bishop is a disciple of Bishop Wilberforce, by whom he was ordained."

The *Record* could not have been more unfortunate than it is in its selection of a Bishop through whom to attack the Bishop of Oxford, and the S. P. G., (for the venerable Society comes in for a share of the blame,) considering that the Bishop of Nova Scotia was *not* ordained by Bishop Wilberforce. It was understood at the time that so far from being nominated to the see by him, or the S. P. G., our Bishop was sent out by Lord Grey without the consent of either, and that a friend of the Bishop of Oxford had been selected by the S. P. G., when the Colonial Secretary chose to act independently. This caused some unpleasant feeling, and for some time operated against the obtaining of the Endowment of the Bishopric.