

'I will be so no more,' said Sir Bevil. 'Indeed, now that my spirit is unburthened of what I wished to say to you, I do not feel so. But I heard some news this morning that has vexed and disturbed me, and that, perhaps, contributed with other things to sadden my mind, and fill it with forebodings.'

'What news was that, Bevil?'

'That Chadleigh, my bad cousin, has betrayed his trust, and gone over to Parliament with some five hundred men.'

'And all for hate to you—oh! Bevil,' she cried, turning very pale, 'beware of that bad man. It is all for hate of you—'

'Ah! fair wife of mine,' said Bevil Greenvil, 'you have not then forgotten your love passages of old, and think his memory as good. But you are wrong, dear one, the twinkle of a gold piece would do more to win my cousin Chadleigh than all the ladies' eyes in Felicia.''

'And hatred and revenge more than either. But promise me—promise me, gentle husband, that you will beware of him!'

'Beware of him! of a base traitor and coward! Not so, but, by Heaven! let him beware of me, lest I be tempted, past all power of resistance, to rob the hangman of his fee.'

No more words followed; but, from the time when Chadleigh's name was mentioned, the cloud of perturbation which had passed from Sir Bevil's brow, lowered gloomily on that of Adelaide; and, in despite of all her efforts, during the evening meal, and the minstrelsy and mirth which crowned that parting evening, she was abstracted, and sorrowful, and silent.

Was the wife's fear or the husband's fancy more prophetic?

At daybreak the next morning the castle rung to the shrill summons of the trumpet; and with a gallant band of cavaliers Sir Bevil Greenvil mounted and in the words of the old song,

He gave his bridle reins a shake,
All on the river shore,
And said, 'Adieu, my gentle love,
Adieu for evermore!'

And a fair arm waved a kerchief from a high shot-hole in the western turret, and the trumpets again changed; in a moment he was gone from her sight—when should she see him next, and in what guise.

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STANZAS.

BY JOSEPH H. BUTLER.

I CAME when gentle Spring had trod
The garden and the dell,
I saw how her young fairy hand
Had formed the flow'ret's bell!
Just waked to life its blossoms hung
Above the scattered snow,
Sweet emblem of young Innocence
Unstained by sin or woe.
Arrayed in robes of brightest green
The hyacinth was there,
Gazing on heaven with eyes of blue,
And beauty, rich and rare.
Again I came—but they were not;
Those bright ones of a day,
Like human joy, had ceased to be,
And passed from earth away!
The Spring had ripened into bloom,
And Summer's kindling breath
Had summoned thousands of bright flowers
Up from the trance of death.
It whispered through the garden walks
And o'er the shady dell—
Then rose the swelling buds to life
As if by magic spell!
The woods assumed their cheerful robes
Beneath the sky of June,
And living melody gushed forth
From birds of various tune.
I trod those deep woods in their maze,
I drank the wild-bird's lay—
Again I came—with Autumn's breath—
But they had passed away!
The gentle flower had faded from
The garden's scented bed,
The woods were sear, and from the boughs
The chorister's had fled.
A blooming maiden trod the halls
Of mirth and revelry,
Her hair was as the golden thread,
Her eyes of violet dye.
There came a change—those eyes grew dim,
Those sunny locks were gray,
For time had spread his viewless wings,
And youth had passed away.
I saw a lovely little child
With cheek of rosy hue,
Like a young rose just opening
To sip the morning dew!
A few short years had hurried by,
And on their restless wing,
Wafted that bright boy's youth away
Swift as the dawn of Spring!
I stood where Europe's kingly pride
Sits on the golden throne;
I saw the knights of noble line
Who rich in purple shone;
I saw anon the abbey's isles
Another scene display,

Where, on the sculptured marble tomb
The prostrate warrior lay,
Above, his empty armor hung,
His buckler, dim with rust,
His idle sword was in its sheath,
It's master's hand was—dust!
His castle walls were ivy bound;
Their chamber's once so bright,
Were desolate and silent now
Save to the bird of night!
The hands who rear'd—'the bards who sang—
The ladies fair and gay—
The conquerors in the tournament—
All—all—had passed away!
I saw that universal change
The wide earth must endure;
I felt that glory, pride and fame
Alike are insecure!
The stream is passing to the sea,
The temple to decay,
Life is but hastening on to death,
The world shall pass away!
But the great Spirit who did fling
Creation's flag abroad,
Hath changeless worlds—where he will
prove
Our everlasting God!

Communications.

CHURCH MATTERS.

[Continued from the last Gleaner.]

Miramichi, 2nd February, 1846.

Last Saturday week my child was very ill, and I did not expect it to live; and wished to have it christened. Mr Hudson was not at home at the time, and I did not know when he would be home. However, I happened to see Mr McMaster,* who was on his way from Escominat, coming over the ice, and I went out to meet him, and asked him if he would come and christen my child; he said he would; and at the time he was performing the ceremony, Mr Hudson passed. On the Monday following I saw Mr Hudson, who asked me how my child was; I told him it was dying. He asked me if it was baptized. I told him it was; when the following conversation passed between us:—

Mr H. That Baptism is of no use, if performed by a Dissenting Minister.

U. Then my baptism is of no use; because I was baptized by one of the same persuasion.

Mr H. Well, you have now a chance to get yourself baptized, as well as your child. I then asked him to go into the house and see the child.

Mr H. I won't. What do you want me to go into the house for?

U. To see my father and mother; to know from them if they think I should get the child christened again, because they know more about such things than I do.

Mr H. Are you going to be ruled by your father and mother?

U. Of course. I think I should be.

Mr H. It is not by them you should be ruled. I am your Pastor, and it is by me you should be ruled.

U. I will not join you, Mr Hudson, as far as that goes, for I think I should obey them before you.

Mr H. Do you know your Catechism?

U. I do.

Mr H. What does it say?

U. To obey my father and mother as much and a little more than my Pastor and Master.

Mr H. In what part does it say that?

U. There is one part in which it says "To honor and obey my Pastor and Master," and another part in which it says "to love, honor, and obey my father and mother."

Mr H. Tell me what you intend to do; whether you intend me to baptize your child, or not.

U. I will let the child remain as it is, be it as it will.

Mr H. Good morning.

U. Good morning, sir.

The child died the same day. I sent my father to see Mr Hudson, to know if he would bury my child, the following day, at 2 o'clock. He said he would not attend the funeral, but he said the child might be buried in the church yard, free of charge, but he would not attend the funeral, because the child did not belong to his Church.

I then buried the child in the small church yard on my father's property, and the school master read the burial service.

JEREMIAH ULLOCK.

*Mr McMaster is a Presbyterian Clergyman, residing in the parish of Glenelg, where Mr Ullock then lived. C. S.

Newcastle, Miramichi, 6th March, 1846.

My Lord,—I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship, the accompanying address, with the proceedings of a public meeting, held in Chatham, pursuant to a resolution passed at the said meeting.

I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's very obedient humble servant,

CHARLES SIMONDS, JUN.

To the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

Fredericton, March 24th, 1846.

Gentlemen,—When, in my former letter to you, I said I would willingly attend to any representations of the Laity of our Church, I certainly did not conceive that such an expression would render a public meeting necessary; nor do I think the step justifiable. When men's minds are in a violent state of excitement, accompanied by the misrepresentations to which such a state of things is sure to give rise, they are little fitted for judging of religious matters: and least of all for pronouncing sentence on their own Pastors. The present difficulties, however, in Miramichi, do not present themselves to me as caused by a united people, complaining of the conduct of their Pastor. The scene is that of a miserably divided people sending to their Bishop statements and counter-statements, resolutions and counter-resolutions, unable to agree among themselves, yet calling on their Bishop to join them in passing sentence, in accordance with a majority of names. For your first resolutions were carried under protest, and by a bare majority; and at the public meeting 36 or more most respectable persons withdrew, because Dissenters were both present and considered entitled to a vote. The resolutions passed by these gentlemen totally differ from your own; express great respect for Mr Hudson's character and conduct, and a firm belief that nothing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of our Church has been done or said by him. Unless, therefore, you claim to represent all the feelings and opinions of the inhabitants of Miramichi, unless you will not allow any difference of opinion on the part of others, you must consider any counter-statement to have as much weight with me as your own: and that mere vague charges, such as "exploded superstitions," "Tractarian heresies," &c cannot be supposed to be entitled to much consideration. It is a grave thing to judge our brother at all; still more to judge our Pastor; and to condemn him on mere hearsay evidence is very sinful indeed. For I cannot be certain that the persons who make use of such expressions really know what they mean, or that their objections do not really lie against the Prayer Book itself and not against doctrines contrary to it. Assuredly, if the meeting consisted partly of Dissenters, they would not hesitate to apply the terms Tractarian and Superstitious to many parts of the Prayer Book, which all consistent Churchmen believe to be agreeable to God's Holy Word. I can only, therefore, repeat what I said before, that if any clergyman be proved to circulate books, which, in my judgment, are contrary to the doctrines of our Prayer Book, I will admonish him of his error, and desire him not to persist in it; and I will add, that Mr Hudson is not likely often to wound the feelings of any of the Chatham congregation. That any decent, reverent minded persons should walk out of church, merely because Mr Hudson was saying prayers, does, I confess, surprise me not a little.

I now come to the only fact of any importance in your letter, viz. Mr Hudson's refusal to bury a child baptized by a Presbyterian minister. I have already told Mr Hudson, and I have no hesitation in saying to you, that had my advice been asked, I should not have advised Mr Hudson, under all the circumstances, to refuse to bury the child, but I feel confident that he did not intend by such refusal to wound the feelings of the parent. The Rubric directs that baptism should be performed by a lawful minister: Mr Hudson considered that he was that lawful minister, and, to obviate any difficulty, undertook to baptize, conditionally, which would have satisfied his own scruples, and would not have cast any imputation on the good intentions of others. Viewing it, however, as a case of necessity, I think Mr Hudson might without scruple have buried the child. I feel assured that if Mr Hudson ever has spoken or done anything unkindly, his better nature would regret it; but I know that no man is more anxious to discharge his duty, or more firmly attached to the Church of England; and all that he gets he spends, not on himself, but on the Church. Surely you ought, Christian brethren, to be willing to bear with such a man, and esteem him for his work's sake; and I, for my part, shall urge upon him the duty of endeavouring to win your esteem by kindness and conciliation, and of forgiving all who have done him wrong, as he hopes himself to be forgiven. But to separate from the Church, because you differ from him as to the best means of maintaining its doctrines, would, I conceive, be a most unjustifiable and sinful act, and I solemnly warn you against it as your father and Bishop. I have no more to add than that serious illness has prevented me from replying sooner to your letter.

I am, gentlemen, your faithful friend and Bishop,

J. FREDERICTON.

Charles Simonds, Junr, Esq. Secretary to the meeting.

At a meeting of members of the Church of England, who signed the address of February 26th, to the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, held at Johnston's Hotel, Chatham, on Tuesday, the 14th April, 1846, to take into consideration his Lordship's Reply to the said address:—

William Letson, Esquire, was called to the Chair, and

Mr Charles Simonds, Junior, requested to act as Secretary.

The letter from the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, of date March 24, 1846, having been read by the Secretary, the following resolution was moved by the Honorable Joseph Cunard, seconded by Edward Williston, Esquire, and unanimously

Resolved, That this meeting are impressed with a conviction that the answer of the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, addressed to Charles Si-

monds, Junior, Esquire, Secretary to a meeting of Churchmen held at Layton's Hotel, Chatham, on the 26th day of February last, and now read, is based on erroneous information, —and this meeting deem it advisable, in justice to themselves, for the cause of truth, and for the interests of the Church, to call upon his Lordship, most respectfully, to furnish the Secretary, for the information of the gentlemen who composed the meeting, with as little delay as possible, with a true copy of all resolutions passed by the so stated "36 most respectable persons," who withdrew from the meeting, and also with all other information on which his Lordship's reply is based, in order that should such be the fact, his Lordship's mind may be disabused on this most important subject.

Moved by Mr Charles Simonds, seconded by Mr George Letson, and unanimously

Resolved, That as the sermon preached by the Reverend James Hudson, on the eleventh day of January last, in Saint Mary's Chapel, and heretofore brought under the notice of his Lordship, has created very general suspicion and alarm in the minds of Churchmen throughout this county, this meeting, as well in justice to Mr Hudson, as to satisfy their own consciences, are of opinion that the Lord Bishop of Fredericton be most respectfully requested to furnish them with a true copy of the said sermon.

Moved by Charles J. Peters, Junior, Esq., seconded by Mr Daniel Baldwin, and unanimously

Resolved, That Henry Cunard, Edward Williston, and Charles Simonds, Esquires, be a committee to prepare an address, predicated on the foregoing resolutions; and that the same be signed by them and others present, and as far as convenient, by all who signed the former address, and forwarded with the resolutions without delay, through the secretary, to his Lordship the Bishop.

The foregoing committee having prepared an address, which they submitted, it was unanimously adopted, and signed by the persons present, in number sixty four, to be afterwards signed by those persons who signed the previous address, but were not present at this meeting.

Previous to the foregoing resolutions being passed, it was resolved, that all persons (if any) present, not belonging to the Church of England, should retire from the room.

WM. LETSON, Chairman.

Whereupon the Chairman left the chair, and on motion of Mr Bartholomew Stapleton, seconded by Henry Cunard, Esquire, the Honorable Joseph Cunard was called thereto, and the thanks of the meeting unanimously given to William Letson, Esquire, for his impartial and correct conduct in the chair; and to the Secretary for his services, and the meeting then adjourned.

C. SIMONDS, Junr., Secretary to the meeting.

Miramichi, 14th April, 1846.

May it please your Lordship,—Your Lordship's letter, of 26th March ultimo, having been received by the Secretary and communicated to us, we beg, through the Secretary, to forward to your Lordship a series of resolutions passed at a meeting held in reference to your Lordship's reply, and most respectfully to call upon your Lordship for a true copy of the resolutions passed by the so stated "36 most respectable persons," and also of all information upon which your Lordship's reply is based.

We also most respectfully request your Lordship to furnish us with a true copy of the sermon preached by Mr Hudson on the eleventh of January last.

Together with a copy of the resolutions passed by the "36," we respectfully request your Lordship to give us the names of the "36" also.

We are, your Lordships very obedient, humble servants,

HENRY CUNARD,
EDWARD WILLISTON,
CHARLES SIMONDS,
[Signed also by 83 others.]

Miramichi, 17th April, 1846.

My Lord,—I have the honour, as Secretary to a meeting of Churchmen, to forward to your Lordship the accompanying resolutions and address.

I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordship's very obedient, humble servant,

CHARLES SIMONDS, JUNR.

To the Right Reverend, the Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

Hermitage, Fredericton, April 30, 1846.

Gentlemen,—For any further information respecting the meeting to which your letter refers, I beg you will apply to Mr Wright, the late Churchwarden. Your further demand, that I should furnish you with a copy of Mr Hudson's sermon, is of so extraordinary a nature, that I am compelled to decline it, and to close the correspondence between us on this subject, from a conviction that it would be productive of no benefit to the church.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. FREDERICTON.

Charles Simonds, Esquire, and others.

"For any further information respecting the meeting to which your letter refers, I beg you will apply to Mr Wright, the late Churchwarden."

Miramichi, 5th May, 1846.

Sir,—The foregoing is an extract from a letter received by me from the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, and in accordance therewith, I have to request that you will furnish me, as Secretary to a meeting held in Chatham on the 26th February last, with a copy of the resolutions passed by the "36" gentlemen, who, on that occasion, withdrew from the original meeting, and held another,—together with a