

copy of the names of all present, and voting at such withdrawn meeting. I am, &c.

C. SIMONDS, Sec. to the meeting.  
To John Wright, Esquire.

Miramichi, N. B., 7th May, 1846.

Sir,—I have this moment received your letter, dated the 5th inst., conveying to me an extract from a letter received by you from the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, referring you to me for information respecting the meeting held in Chatham, on the 26th of February last, of which I was Chairman.

In reply, I beg leave to state, that I shall be most happy to comply with your request, to furnish you with a copy of the resolutions passed at the above meeting, and the names of the gentlemen composing the same, provided it meets with the concurrence of those gentlemen; and I shall take the earliest opportunity to communicate with them on the above subject, and inform you, with as little delay as possible, of the result.

I have the honour to be, sir, yours,

JOHN WRIGHT, Chairman.

To Charles Simonds, Esq., Secretary of the meeting held at Chatham, 26th February last.

Miramichi, N. B., 16th May, 1846.

Sir,—In accordance with my letter, dated the 7th instant, I have seen a large majority of the gentlemen who were at the meeting to which you allude, in your letter to me of the 5th instant.

I have now to inform you that they are not disposed to sanction my furnishing you with a copy of the resolutions passed, or the names of the persons present at the meeting in question. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN WRIGHT, Chairman.

To Charles Simonds, Esq., Secretary to a meeting held in Chatham, on the 26th February last.

At a meeting, held at Johnston's Hotel, Chatham, on Saturday the 23rd May, 1846, to take into consideration the replies of the Lord Bishop of Fredericton to several communications transmitted to him;—

William Letson, Esq., was called to the Chair, and

Mr Charles Simonds, Jun., requested to continue his services as Secretary.

The Secretary read the Lord Bishop's letter, of date 30th April, and his own letter to Mr Wright, with Mr Wright's two letters in answer, when the following resolution was moved by John T. Williston, Esq., seconded by Mr Daniel Baldwin, and unanimously

Resolved, That, notwithstanding the Lord Bishop of Fredericton desires that all correspondence between himself and us, on the subjects heretofore brought under the consideration of our former meetings, should be closed, this meeting cannot consent to its termination, without first answering his Lordship's communication of the 24th March last, as this meeting, in justice to his Lordship, merely sought for information by their address of the 14th April last, in order to be placed in a position to do so.

Moved by Charles J. Peters, Jun., Esq., seconded by the Hon. Joseph Cunard, and unanimously

Resolved, That, in consequence of the information required by this meeting from his Lordship, on the several matters on which we respectfully addressed his Lordship, not having been furnished us, either by his Lordship or from the quarter to which his Lordship referred us, we deem it our imperative duty, from a sense of duty to ourselves, to cause the whole proceedings connected with this matter to be forthwith published.

Moved by Mr Robert K. Maltby, seconded by Mr Bartholomew Stapleton, and unanimously

Resolved, That Henry Canard, Edward Williston, and Charles Simonds, Esquires, be a committee to prepare such answer to his Lordship's communication as the facts of the case demand, to be by them submitted to this meeting.

The above named committee then presented an address, which was received and unanimously approved of by the meeting.

Moved by Mr George Letson, seconded by Mr Thomas Blake, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested, forthwith, to publish the whole proceedings in the Miramichi Gleaner, and also to request the Editors of a Fredericton, a St. John, a Halifax, a Montreal, and a New York paper, and such papers in England as will be thought sufficient, to copy the same in their respective papers.

The address approved of, was then signed by all present, to be afterwards signed by all who agree with the same, and transmitted to his Lordship without delay.

WILLIAM LETSON, Chairman.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair, and John T. Williston, Esq., being called thereto,

On motion of Henry Cunard, Esq., seconded by the Hon. Joseph Canard, the thanks of the meeting were unanimously given to William Letson, Esq., for his manner of conducting the proceedings of the meeting.

On motion of William Letson, Esq., seconded by Mr Henry R. Smith, the thanks of the meeting were unanimously given to the committee for the able address prepared by them.

On motion of Mr Bartholomew Stapleton, seconded by Charles J. Peters, Jun., Esq., thanks were unanimously voted to the Secretary for his services throughout the various proceedings, and the meeting then adjourned.

CHARLES SIMONDS, Jun., Secretary.

Miramichi, 23rd May, 1846.

May it please your Lordship,—In accordance with your Lordship's reply, dated 30th

April, the Secretary, Mr Simonds, addressed a letter to John Wright, Esq., the late Churchwarden, which was received by him on the 7th inst., and to which he on the same day replied, a copy of which reply, marked A, is hereto annexed. And on Thursday the 20th inst., the Secretary received another letter, a copy of which, marked B, is also annexed, to both of which copies we beg to refer your Lordship, as also to a copy of Mr Simonds' letter to Mr Wright, marked C, also annexed.

Since, therefore, we but vainly expect information from any quarter, we feel bound, although your Lordship has desired to "close the correspondence between us, on this subject," to reply to the two letters received by the Secretary from your Lordship.

As regards the first, bearing date March 24th, we would respectfully put your Lordship right, with respect to much erroneous information received by your Lordship, upon which the same is based; and as to the statement that we "have passed sentence on our own Pastor," we beg to inform your Lordship that our sole object and intention had not, in the first any allusion to our own Pastor; our simple desire was to endeavour, by mild remonstrance, to prevent the repetition of intrusion upon many of the members of the Church by the Rev. James Hudson.

Your Lordship calls us "a miserably divided people;" we, with sorrow, acknowledge the unfortunate division, but, in justice to ourselves, must inform your Lordship that the Rev. James Hudson is the sole cause, and that from him, his views, words, and acts, have wholly proceeded our difficulties and divisions, which have been increasing for the last three or four years, and which his sermon of the 11th January last, has widened and made apparent, causing that discontent to be expressed which formerly, from feelings of respect, and a desire to prevent discord, was not made public. To this we add, that we do not call upon your Lordship "to pass sentence, in accordance with a majority of names," but from the Bible and the principles of the Church of England, to give us that advice we might reasonably expect; but we are sorry to be compelled to say the course pursued by your Lordship has increased our difficulties, widened the breach, and diminished our confidence in our spiritual advisers.

Your Lordship also says that our "first resolutions were carried under protest, and by a bare majority;" in answer to which we must inform your Lordship that the vestry meeting, at which those resolutions were passed, consisted of 11 at the time the first resolution was passed, when the same was carried 7 to 4, which we humbly conceive to be more than a bare majority, and further, that "at the public meeting 36 or more most respectable persons withdrew, because dissenters were both present and were considered entitled to a vote." Now this sentence, may it please your Lordship, has created much suspicion amongst us, because, however respectable they may be, and how much soever their respectability may have had the effect of defeating us of our just expectations, still many of us for a series of years enjoyed the confidence of our late diocesan, the venerable and respected Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and even our individual opinions would have received due consideration from his Lordship, without the respectability of individuals being brought into competition; but should even the relative worth of each be taken into account, the standing of the servants of the Rector, and others of the "36 most respectable persons," would be entitled to no more weight than that of others similarly situated, and we are sorry to observe that their statements are received with implicit confidence, while those of our meeting, numbering over 70, are treated as wholly without foundation.

We further beg to say, that before the minority withdrew one of them did state that dissenters were in the room; he was at once requested to point them out. After a vain search, he, with evident mortification, was compelled to seek two strangers in the hall of the inn where the meeting was assembled, who were in no way connected therewith; and after the minority withdrew a non-resident of Miramichi having come in, was requested to and did withdraw, before any resolution was passed, or business done, and so anxious were we that none but Churchmen should be present that the room was again searched, and not an individual of any other persuasion could be found. We have, therefore, no hesitation in saying to your Lordship, that the information on which this part of your Lordship's reply is based is wholly without foundation, and, as we are precluded from knowing whence it came, we can but deny its truth.

We are sorry to perceive that your Lordship designates as "mere vague charges," the expressions "exploded Superstitions," "Tractarian heresies, &c.," for we certainly would have been more explicit, did we not suppose that the movements of Tractarians in England, and the tendency of their writings were well known to your Lordship.

We must also inform your Lordship that we did not attempt to "judge our Pastor," at all. Our endeavours have been, and are, to oppose Mr Hudson in his views, and the propagation of them, with which we totally disagree.

Your Lordship has not, up to the present moment, expressed any opinion on Mr Hudson's sermon, although it is in your Lordship's power to call for it and do so, and notwithstanding we have denounced it as unscriptural, and contrary to the doctrines of the Church, and have asked for a copy of it, still your Lordship has neither given it to us, nor condemned, nor justified it.

We never attempted to "condemn our Pastor," but to judge of Mr Hudson's sermon. Whether it was scriptural or unscriptural, from

hearing it preached we do consider ourselves capable, and do not think it "very sinful indeed," so to judge and condemn; for what benefit, may it please your Lordship can we derive from the preaching of any man, if we cannot judge whether it be contrary to the Bible or not.

In reference to that part of your Lordship's communication in which we read "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," we have to say that we took what we thought a sufficient method of proving to your Lordship that Mr Hudson circulated books, in our judgment, contrary to the doctrines of the Bible, though we cannot prove that, in your Lordship's judgment, they are "contrary to the doctrines of our Prayer Book."

We trusted that the evidence of the Vestry, and of the public meeting, would have satisfied your Lordship on this point, but had your Lordship called for further proof, we could have furnished the very Books themselves, and were quite ready to do so.

Your Lordship need not be surprised "that any decent, reverent minded person, should walk out of church, merely because Mr Hudson was saying Prayers," for after our efforts to prevent him from introducing error and innovation in the Church have proved unsuccessful, we could not be edified with his future services.

Your Lordship must be sensible that Mr Hudson was not authorized to re-baptise the Child of Ullock, and that his refusal to bury subjected him to ecclesiastical punishment, were such a Court established in this Province; to which tribunal he would be compelled to answer, as the recent decisions in England on the point are conclusive, and must be familiar to your Lordship. There is "no necessity" in the "case." Mr Hudson had no alternative but to bury the child, and however much your Lordship may extenuate the conduct of Mr Hudson in his intentions not to "wound the feelings of the parent," we are constrained to view his conduct in this respect, as an arbitrary act of usurped power, perfectly consistent with the expressed motives of the Tractarians in the Mother Country.

From the latter part of your Lordship's reply we perceive that your Lordship has been informed that we contemplate a separation from the Church, and as on this point also we have no means of obtaining the name of the author, we can only deny the charge, and tell your Lordship that our sole intention from the first has been, and still is, to keep our Church as we received her from our fathers, defend and ward her from the pollution of Tractarianism, which, as is known to your Lordship, is uprooting the foundation of the Mother Church in Great Britain, and will ultimately blot out her name, unless she be sturdily supported by both Clergy and Laity.

In the selection of Books for the Parochial lending library, attached to our parish Church, we were restricted in our selection to a Catalogue furnished by our Society's publishers, Messrs Rivington and we regret to find a number of highly objectionable books, viz.—"The forest of Arden" by Gressly, "Tales of the Village" by Paget, "Tales of the Town," by Bellairs, published by James Burns. Portman Square, have found their way into the said Library; and on bringing the fact before the Rector, he informed us that your Lordship had personally ordered the same from Burns, being a part of one hundred and fifty pounds worth purchased by Your Lordship from him for the Church Society of New Brunswick, which is the same source from which Mr Hudson has received the many improper and unscriptural Books circulated among us by him.

We beg to lay these matters most respectfully before your Lordship, and to inform your Lordship, that the whole proceedings will shortly be published, that the Church in England and America may judge between us and our opponents; to express our regret that such clergymen as Mr Hudson are among us; and also to express an earnest hope, that should your Lordship's life be preserved to preside over this diocese for a length of time, your Lordship will look back with regret at having thrown in your influence against us, in our endeavour to stop innovation and error in the church. We are, your Lordship's very obedient, humble servants,

H. CUNARD, Churchwarden,

E. WILLISTON, one of the

Vestry.

C. SIMONDS, Jr., one of the

Vestry.

Wm. Letson, Churchwarden.

George Letson,

William Douglass,

Daniel Baldwin,

John E. Germaine,

Richard Traverse,

Robert Conlon,

Thomas B. Maltby

And eighty others.

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WILLIAM J. FRASER.  
Chatham, 1st June, 1846.

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June 3, 1846.

JOHN RUX.

## Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

CHATHAM, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1846.

**PUBLIC MEETING.—MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—A public meeting of Mechanics and other persons friendly to the establishment of a Mechanics' Institute in Miramichi, was held in Layton's Royal Hotel, Chatham, on the evening of Wednesday last.

The Hon. JOSEPH CUNARD was requested to take the chair, and JAMES A. PIERCE to continue his services as Secretary.

The Committee appointed at a previous meeting, submitted a code of Rules which they had framed for the government of the Institute. These were taken up separately and discussed.

It was moved by Mr John Hea, and seconded by James Caie, Esq. and

Resolved, unanimously, that the Rules submitted by the Committee be adopted as the Constitution of the Institute.

Moved by Mr George Letson, and seconded by Mr George Johnston, and

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this meeting be given to the committee, for the prompt and able manner in which they discharged the duty assigned them.

Moved by John T. Williston, Esq. and seconded by James Johnson, Esq. and

Resolved, that persons desirous of becoming members, and having a voice in the appointment of the Officers, shall call on the Secretary of the meeting, subscribe the rules, and pay the initiation fee of ten shillings, on or before Wednesday, the 17th June, instant; and on the evening of that day a Public Meeting shall be held for the appointment of Office bearers.

Moved by Mr John Hea, and seconded by Mr William Rennie, and

Resolved, that the Secretary publish the proceedings of this meeting, and advertise the meeting which is to take place on the 17th inst.

Moved by Mr Gavin Rainnie, and seconded by James Caie, Esq. and

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Joseph Samuel and Mr George Johnston, for their handsome and very liberal offer of the use of their large rooms for one year, gratuitously, for the use of the institute.

Moved by Mr John Hea, and seconded by John M. Johnson, Esq. and

Resolved, unanimously, that this meeting feel themselves indebted to Mr Pierce, for the services he has rendered this and the previous meeting, as Secretary, and the lively interest he has taken in promoting the object we have in view.

George Kerr, Esq. was then requested to take the chair.

Moved by James Caie, Esq. and seconded by Mr. W. Manderson, and

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of this meeting are due to the Hon. Joseph Canard, for his able conduct while presiding over the meeting, and the liberal manner in which he has come forward to aid and encourage the efforts of this meeting in the highly useful object they have in view.

Twenty-seven persons then came forward, subscribed the Rules, and paid the initiation fee of 10s.; among them was the Honorable Chairman, who entered his name as a Life member, and paid his subscription of £10. The meeting then adjourned.

JAMES A. PIERCE, Secretary.

[Want of room has prevented us from publishing the Constitution this week, but we shall do so in our next number. Editor Gleaner.]

**EUROPEAN NEWS.**—A few hours after the Courier left Halifax on the afternoon of Saturday last, the Royal Mail steamer Hibernia, arrived at Halifax, after a fine run of 11 days from Liverpool. The New Brunswick mail was immediately despatched, and was received at St. John at 2 o'clock on Monday; our mail, therefore, had a very comfortable rest at Dorchester, of 3 days, before it was placed in charge of our Courier. This is a matter which should be strictly inquired into, and measures promptly adopted to prevent its recurrence.

We have received our regular files of papers, and selected therefrom the principal items of news, and transferred them to our columns, in another part of this day's paper. Some matters of import-