

privately admitted that he was quite right in his criticism became one of the most ardent of his public persecutors. He was subjected to the form of a trial in South Africa and was of course condemned and declared to be deposed from his bishopric, but the condemnation being unlawful was reversed upon appeal to the Privy Council, and Dr. Colenso returned to Natal the champion of all who believe that the English Church should admit full discussion of its foundations and the bugbear of all who have a vested interest in its temporalities.

He is quite one of the finest and noblest men that have ever lived. Without a spark of personal vanity, seeking to serve no personal interests, but on the contrary adventuring himself, his prospects, and his position for the truth; full of tender human feeling, retiring and modest as a child, yet strong powerful and courageous as a lion when called upon to fight against Falsehood and Injustice, he desires to live in charity with all men, and is yet fated always to find himself engaged in conflicts which those only can avoid who are content to stand by and see Truth despised, and Justice trodden underfoot. He has now come to England on a mission—if ever there was one—of Christianity, in order to defend against great and powerful oppressions a poor black chief who has been shamefully punished, not merely without law, but against the law. At his own cost and charges has he done this, and were this alone of all the acts of his life, it would suffice to stamp him as a true Christian hero.