

Preachers and Treason.

EDITORS DAILY BEE :—Most of your readers, I presume, never think or care to read through the debates of religious or ecclesiastical bodies ; but in these days if they do not do so, they may fail to fix the correct position of men who ever have on their lips the phrase, “I am a better Union man than you are.” Force these men into debates and votes, and treason, or sympathy therefor, breathes in every word and vote. Look into the reports of the Synod of the O. S. Presbyterian Church, held at Napa—watch the hypocrites, as well as traitors—hear the canting Rev. Woodbridge, just fresh from political defeat as an aspirant for Legislative honors, covered with the slime of the political pool, turning up his hands in holy horror at the presumption of loyal men and ministers in presenting resolutions pledging the O. S. Presbyterian Church on the Pacific coast to the Government in these times of peril. He objects. And why? Because the resolutions, as the Moderator said, were political. Out upon such unmanly hypocrisy from a “political parson.” The resolutions were ruled out of order by the Moderator, Dr. Phelps, of the Presbyterian church of Sacramento, and his position was sustained by his “Elder,” the yielding, genial Monell. Thus in the tracks of Scott they tread.

But watch the result, as I will be brief. The Andersons—father and son—spoke with no “uncertain sound,” but true to the Government which has fostered the Church by giving it freedom, they struck home blows that fell upon the very few traitors present like strokes from the arms of the stern old Covenanters. Thanks to such a man as the elder Anderson in such times as these. I know not the man, but his timely resolutions at the East last spring, and his consistent course in pressing them home to the notice of the disloyal of his church here, deserves the thanks of every true Union man and supporter of the Government. He has unearthed some of the most dangerous foes to our country, and may his “clarion voice” never cease until they all—traitors and hypocrites—seek their congenial homes in the bosom of “Jeff.” Thanks, also, to the true men and ministers who helped by their voice and votes to clearly define the true position of the O. S. Presbyterian Church of California.

For the Government and the Union against treason and its apologist—15 to 4. Well done, true and faithful exponents of the old faith, that burned in the hearts of bold men in the days when “Holyrood House” heard the groans of the dying Covenanter. **