

generally, who have contributed liberally towards the building, will be satisfied. It really would have been better, sir, that you should have taken the counsel of the shrewdest men on your Committee, and not have printed the Report, which I now deposit among the few curiosities which I have during my lifetime collected.

Before I proceed to remark on the letter you addressed to the brethren and sisters now composing the Church of which I am pastor, it seems proper that I should ask on what principles you justify the publication of your Report and that Letter in the Christian Messenger. You say, and I once thought, and still think truly, "although it may be advisable, in most cases, that the proceedings of churches, in matters of order and discipline, should be confined, as far as may be, to their own immediate body, yet occasions may, and often do occur, which render it highly desirable that such proceedings should be more extensively known and circulated. Such an occasion, it appears to us, the circumstances connected with the difficulties that have lately arisen in the Granville Street Church evidently afford." Good doctrine this, very, and painfully true; but alas, it must not be always taught—at least not by every one. I acted on this doctrine when I could gain access to you in no other way, and published a few hundred pamphlets for circulation among the churches in this province, detailing facts about the difficulties in Granville street Church; and for the publication, the trustees, and a few of their friends, expelled me from the pulpit; again and again saying, as you will recollect, the truth or the falsehood of the pamphlet was not the question—the sin was the *publication*—the publication at all, in any form, to the world; now *you*, without any direction, without any sanction whatever from the church, and against the advice of your best friends to refrain from printing at all, take the advantage of the controul you possess over the professed organ of the Baptist Denomination "for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," to publish statements, every paragraph of which contains distinct or implied misrepresentations. By what law, human or divine, can that which is sin in me be righteousness in you? If I was reckoned your enemy when I told you the truth, what must you be when you again and again publish falsehood, and will not allow me to defend myself in your columns? "Thou art inexcusable, O man, for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." You will, however, no doubt, make yourself quite easy on the censure