

sented. The Council reviewed its decision on every point without materially changing it in substance or form.

Secretary directed to prepare a copy of the decision for presentation to the Church, at the evening meeting.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

TWENTIETH SESSION.

Sept. 5, 7½ o'clock. P. M.

Decision of Council was transcribed, and about 8½ o'clock presented to the Church by the Rev. C. Spurden, D.D., a preliminary devotional service, in which Revs. C. Randall, J. Davis, and A. S. Hunt, participated, having been held.

The President of Council gave explanations on some points referred to in the decision read by him to the Church. Short addresses were made by the Revs. J. Davis and I. E. Bill. The doxology was sung, and the Council adjourned, *sine die*.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Secretary*.

The next Church meeting was held September 11th, the minutes of which are as follows:—

September 11th, 1867.

Church meeting. Deacon Selden in the chair. Minutes of three previous meetings read and approved.

It was moved by Deacon Beckwith, and seconded by Bro. DeWolf, and *Resolved*, That Deacons Nutting and Parker, and brethren Fraser, Rand and the Clerk, be a Committee to examine minutes of Council and evidence, in order to gather any information which might assist the Church in carrying out the recommendation of the Council.

Halifax, Monday, Sept. 16th, 1867.

TO THE PASTOR AND DEACONS OF GRANVILLE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH, HALIFAX.

I learned with regret this morning, from Mr. Selden, that no notice for a Church meeting during the present week, had been given. It is obviously the duty of the Church to act promptly, on the recommendation of the Council, to reconsider the vote of suspension. The injustice of delay to Dr. Pryor and his friends is palpable; and delay cannot improve, but must deteriorate, the position of the Church in the matter.

In my opinion, it is the duty and interest of the Church, acting in deference to the Council, to rescind that vote; and the more promptly this is done the more graceful the act will be. If, unhappily, the majority are determined to despise the recommendation, it is in their power to do so, but they have no right to keep Dr. Pryor in suspense. It will be unjust, uncharitable, and unmanly to do so. Dr. Pryor desires to have his position defined. I desire to be able to define mine—others may be like me in that respect.

I hope the appointment of a committee on Friday last will not be made an excuse for delay. It surely would be a most uncandid and unworthy excuse.

I request that a meeting of the whole Church be called to consider the recommendation of the Council, on Friday next,—notice to be given at the Wednesday evening meeting, and personally to such as are not then present. I expect to leave town on the Circuit on the Friday after, and I deem it important that I should be present.

I am, yours very obediently,

J. W. JOHNSTON.

I beg to be informed in season of the decision to call a Church meeting.