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But I look in vain for any such Heavenly marks of discipline as these in Dr. Pryor's exclusion. As I now review its character step by step, as I call to mind the hasty action, the reckless manner of receiving evidence, the rejection of wise and considerate advice, the personal treatment of Dr. Pryor, the sneer, the rebuff, the eagerness to clutch at every trifle against him, and the disingenuous evasion of facts that told in his favor, the rejection of overtures for calling a Church Council, and the rejection of that Council's decision when called, I declare I tremble for the condition of men so deaf alike to the voice of reason, humanity, and religion. If such strange conduct had been the sudden outburst of a moment, or of a few days, I knew that reflection and prayer would have restored the better mind; but when through those weary weeks of wrangling and bad temper I found the evil instead of abating, outgrowing all restraint, I felt that here and now Christian charity should pause before other and sterner duties. Though I know I must have been somewhat influenced by the factious spirit and anger of the hour, I have