

then advanced in justification of withdrawal from its fellowship, I now offer to you as charges against Granville Street Church. To these I add subsequent violations of truth, justice, and propriety; and out of the whole there arise questions of general interest and application, and of the deepest importance.

In its Reply to my Letter, in its communications to the *Christian Messenger*, and in other acts, Granville Street Church has exhibited a disregard for truth, a violation of honesty, and a callousness of feeling, so flagrant and undisguised, as would seem to set at nought the consequences of exposure, no less than the restraints of principle. On what calculations this recklessness is adventured I need not enquire now; my duty,—and it is a duty I cheerfully recognize,—is to believe that there exists among the ministers and delegates of the Central Association, and among the ministers and members of the Baptist Churches of this and the adjoining provinces, an intelligence that shallow artifices cannot deceive, and an integrity that no influences can turn aside from the stern fulfilment of duty.

With this letter I also send a copy of the Church's Reply to my letter to them. The *Christian Messenger* is, I presume, accessible to the Association.

In relation to the conduct of the Granville Street Church, evidences are to be found in the letters, appendices, and papers, that cannot be contravened, and by reference to which those who desire to ascertain the truth may do so, in most of the cases with certainty, if they shall be willing to devote a moderate share of attention to the investigation. The matters for consideration are so numerous that the briefest possible notice of most of them is requisite, and many things worthy of notice must be omitted. I claim it, therefore, as an act of justice, not so much to me, as to themselves and the Denomination, that they who feel called upon to form an opinion on the subject, shall take the pains carefully to compare the assertions on each side, with those documents and facts which all concur in admitting to be correct.

The charges which I desire to bring forward are principally as follows:—

- I. The exclusion of Dr. Pryor from his pulpit.
- II. The examination of witnesses by the Committee, in the absence of Dr. Pryor, persevered in after remonstrance and warning.
- III. The not calling a Council at an early stage of the transaction, after the Deacons had agreed with Dr. Pryor to recommend the measure to the Church.
- IV. The refusal of a Council in the Vass matter, and the conduct of the Church in that business generally.
- V. The renewal of the charge of immorality after that charge had been fully disposed of.
- VI. The act of the Church in sustaining the violation of candor and truthfulness by Messrs. Selden and Beckwith at the Central Association last year, in relation to the calling of a Council.
- VII. The malignity towards Dr. Pryor manifested in the proceedings and subsequently.