

and prayerful dealings had got out of the bog, and he believed the defendants would soon be able to see their mistake and get back into the fold.

The vote was then taken, and Dr. Laing's motion was carried, the division on the main motion being 128 to 7.

Mr. J. D. Cranston then said that, anticipating from the discussion what the verdict would be, they had prepared the following statement:—

MR. MODERATOR AND BRETHREN,—On behalf of the appellants permit us to say, now that this case has been decided against us in the various courts of our Church, and no further appeal being possible, we have to say that it must be very apparent to those who have been watching this case that the decision which has been arrived at has been based on the records, meaning by that the answers given before the Session, and assessors of Knox Church, Galt, at the *inquisitorial trial* where we were practically confined to Yes and No answers, as has since been admitted by members of that court. And we cannot help but think that *injustice has been done us* by the majority of this Assembly. Our views we have stated fully, and fondly hoped, with Drs. Ure, Laidlaw, Duval, King and others, that a broad, generous Christian view of the case would have been taken, as we as Presbyterians are substantially in accord with the principles and doctrines of our Church. However, we bow to the decision of the highest court of our Church, believing, as we all do, that God's hand is in everything. In the future, as in the past, we shall, as far as our intentions can make it possible, be loyal adherents as in the past we have endeavored to be loyal members of our church. Thanking you on behalf of the appellants,

J. K. AND J. D. CRANSTON.

THE SESSION HEARD FROM.

Rev. Mr. Jackson—Permit me to say that the Session and officers of Knox Church, Galt, are deeply grateful to the brethren of the Presbytery, the Synod and the Assembly for the interest and care with which they have considered this matter. I am also instructed to express deep regret that the time of the Assembly should be taken up by this matter, and to give the assurance that everything will be done in the Session that can be wished and by all the brethren who have spoken on the floor of the Assembly, and that the assessors will always be consulted in this place, that is, the assessors of the Presbytery. We hope to show that Knox Church is grateful for the kindness of the Assembly.

Rev. Dr. McMullen—I am exceedingly thankful that this protracted case is now closed. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the Chair with the utmost impartiality. I am glad now, I assure you, to give place to the Moderator.