

Q. Had he seen his wife up to that time?

A. I could not prevail upon him to see her, or to listen to her explanations.

*Cross-examined by Mr McIntyre:—*

Q. Is your hearing good, Mr. Byrne?

A. Not very good.

Q. I suppose you were very much excited when you spoke to your sister with respect to this matter?

A. I was very much disturbed, and very much surprised, of course.

Q. She expressed very great surprise at the charge, I suppose?

A. Yes; very great surprise.

Q. She was very much excited, I suppose?

A. Yes, she was very much agitated.

Q. Did she tell you on that occasion anything about James Campbell being present at the house on the evening of the 26th or the morning of the 27th.

A. I think not; I do not remember.

Q. When did she first mention the subject to you about James Campbell being present at her house that night?

A. I think on the following day she spoke to me—Friday.

Q. That was the day after you broke the news to her?

A. Yes.

*By the Honorable Mr. Kaulbach:—*

Q. Did she deny he was present that night?

A. She said nothing about it.

*By Mr. McIntyre:—*

Q. Will you give us the conversation, as far as you remember it, of what occurred when you first told her of the difficulty?

A. I asked her what had occurred the night before—how they amused themselves. She spoke of having used the stereoscope, of playing draughts and singing. I do not think she mentioned reading, but I understood from my wife she mentioned reading. She did not enter into long particulars about it.

Q. Did she detail any conversation that occurred between herself and Gordon that night?

A. Not on that Friday, I think. I do not think she explained any conversation—yes, she did, too, when I come to recollect. I remember her speaking about California.

Q. What did she say about that?

A. She said the conversation commenced by speaking of her brother who was in California, and that is the only explanation she gave.

Q. Did she give any history of any further conversation that occurred that night between herself and Gordon?

A. I mentioned to her that Robert Campbell said she wished to go to California, and he said if he had not come back she would have eloped. At that she said the conversation commenced about her brother being in California.

Q. Was that the only conversation she explained between herself and Gordon; did you mention in so many words all the charges that Robert and James Campbell had made against her at that time?

A. Yes; I told her the night the charge was made, as also on Friday morning.

Q. The California language was the only language she explained away at that time

A. As far as my memory serves it was.

Q. You met Gordon for the first time on the Sunday following?

A. Yes; on the Sunday following.

Q. You went to see him?