

## PREFACE.

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This pamphlet is prepared to meet the wishes of those who desire to have a connected history of this case from its origin.

It will be seen that it is really a compilation of the various records and publications connected with the case in chronological order, with just sufficient original matter to connect the whole intelligently.

The reader will not find *all* the published matter which has appeared concerning this case. This would make a formidable volume as to size. But he will find it sufficiently full for all practical purposes.

The reports of all addresses of an apparently hostile character to the appellants are carefully clipped from newspaper reports, verbatim, so as to avoid the suspicion of unfairness.

All records in the official documents which have reference to charges of immorality have been purposely left out, for the reason that they were distinctly and unequivocally left out in the consideration of the case, both in the Synod and the Assembly. See pages 88, 89.

By some oversight on the part of those who furnished copy to the printers, two or three short minutes of Session meetings were omitted from the printed official documents, but, when read to the Assembly, they proved to be of such little value that we have not deemed it necessary to reproduce them.

We direct special attention to the two letters anent this case which appeared, during one of its stages, in the *Canada Presbyterian*, over the signature of "A Lay Presbyterian." They will repay a very attentive perusal.