

The motion was carried against the amendment, and the fourth article was not adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, That article V. in the finding of the Committee be rejected.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Hogg, That article V. be retained and adopted.

On a vote being taken, a majority voted for the motion, and article V. of the Report was rejected.

It was moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, That article VI. of the finding of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, That article VI. be rejected.

It was decided by a majority that article VI. of the Report shall be adopted.

On motion of Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Skinner, article VII. of the Committee's Report was adopted.

It was moved by Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Skinner, That article VIII. be adopted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. McClure, seconded by Mr. Torrance, That article VIII. be not adopted.

The amendment was carried by a majority, and the VIII. article was not adopted.

The Report of the Committee, as adopted by the Synod, will then consist of articles I., II., III., VI., VII.

On motion of Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was unanimously agreed, that the Synod do see cause to summon Mr. Ure and the session of Toronto congregation before their bar to answer in the premises, in accordance with the recommendation in article VII. of the Report, as adopted. Whereupon, the parties being present, the Moderator did summon them to appear before the Synod, at seven o'clock, this evening.

The parties who had been summoned by the Moderator at the former Sederunt—namely, the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure, being now called, appeared.

In regard to this case, it was moved by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

That a Committee of the Synod be appointed to retire with the parties, with power to take such steps as may tend properly to adjust the matter before the Synod.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Henderson,

That this motion cannot be entertained, because it is tantamount to a rescinding of the resolution of Synod at its last Sederunt—to summon the parties to the Bar, and "there to deal with them."

The amendment being first put, was lost. The original motion was then carried, and the Synod resolved in terms thereof.

Dr. William Taylor begged leave to enter his dissent from this Resolution, for reasons to be afterwards given in; and to protest against all proceedings that may be taken by the Committee that may be appointed.

Messrs. Aitken, Henderson, McClure, and Fraser, asked leave to join with Dr. William Taylor in his dissent and protest.

Messrs. Skinner, T. Christie, Porteous, Torrance, Duff and Thornton, Ministers, and Messrs. McNaughton, Roy and Christie, Elders, were then appointed a Committee in terms of the Resolution; and were instructed to retire with the parties, and to report with all possible despatch. Mr. T. Christie to be Convener.

The Rev. Dr. William Taylor, for himself and others joined with him, handed in reasons of dissent and protest against the resolution of the Synod, referring the case of the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure to a Select Committee.

The reasons are as follows, viz:—

1. Because, as the Synod resolved at its last Sederunt to "summon the parties to their Bar, and there to deal with them," it is manifestly a rescinding of this resolution to appoint a Select Committee now, to deal with them privately; and as this has been done in violation of the Rules of Order which the Synod has adopted, all proceedings arising from it ought to be regarded as null.

2. Because a private investigation will not satisfy the public, which will look upon the present course of the Synod as an attempt to evade the enquiry, and smother the question. And in consequence of this suspicion, the ultimate sentence of this Court in this case will be deprived of all moral weight in the public mind, and will fail to bring about an amicable termination of the strife and heart-burning which have so long flowed from it.

3. Because such a course is unjust to both the parties. It is unjust to the Session of Toronto, who have signified that they will not submit to it; and also to Mr. Ure, who is quite willing that the investigation should be public, but by its being conducted privately, is deprived of an opportunity of setting himself right with the members of this Court, and with

the public, by giving explanations which might remove unfavorable impressions.

(Signed)

W. TAYLOR, D.D.
W. AITKEN.
ALEXANDER HENDERSON.
JOHN MCCLURE.
WILLIAM FRASER.

It was moved by Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, That the reasons of dissent and protest offered by Dr. W. Taylor and others, be received and be engrossed in the minutes; but that no committee be appointed to answer them.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Skinner,

That a Committee be appointed to answer those reasons. The vote being taken on the amendment and the motion, the motion was carried, and the Synod resolved and decided according to the motion.

The Rev. Mr. Jennings handed in the reasons of protest for himself and the Toronto congregation, against the Resolution of Synod, in relation to their case, as follows—viz:

The Rev. Mr. Jennings, in his own name, and in behalf of the Session of Toronto, dissents and protests against the decision for the following reasons:

1. Because he and the Session dissented and protested, when the decision was come to, on the ground that they would appear before no select committee, having the strong desire that the whole case should be examined in public.

2. Because the Synod had, at a previous Sederunt, agreed to take up the whole case, having summoned the parties to the Bar; and that therefore the decision to proceed by private committee was a deviation from a course previously agreed on.

3. Because any party has a right to dissent and protest at any and every stage of the proceedings affecting their case.

In behalf of the Session of Toronto,

(Signed)

JOHN JENNINGS, Moderator.

The Committee in the case of the Session of Toronto congregation and Mr. Ure reported as follows:—

To the Moderator and other members of Synod, in Court assembled: The Committee appointed in the case of the Toronto Session, versus Mr. Ure, met, and was constituted by the Convener, the Rev. Mr. Christie. All the members present.

Mr. Jennings appeared, and stated that out of respect to the Convener of the Committee, and the Synod, he had come here to state for himself, for the Session, and for the Managers of this congregation, that they declined meeting the Committee, and would not have this business conducted in private.

Mr. Ure appeared, and stated that he had obeyed the decision of Synod hitherto, and would not shrink from it at the present time: That he did not see the string of epithets ascribed to him in the way in which they are now brought before the Synod; and that all he wished to convey was, that the minutes did not represent the conversation which took place on the question of the Atonement: And that if it were to help the Synod to come to a decision in his case, he wished to say that all he wanted was a certificate of membership.

(Signed)

THOMAS CHRISTIE, Convener.

The Report of the Committee was received.

It was moved by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that it be resolved,

1. That inasmuch as one of the parties has declined acceding to the measure which the Synod in its judgment deemed best, thus obstructing our efforts amicably to adjust the case, it is due to the Synod to assert its authority, and therefore dismiss the case.

2. That inasmuch as Mr. Ure has made a very important explanation; and in desiring to separate himself from the Toronto congregation, thus obviating a difficulty before complained of by the Session after the last meeting of Synod, agreed to grant Mr. Ure a certificate.

A motion for adjournment being put and lost, the motion of Mr. Skinner was put and carried; and the Synod did and do resolve in terms thereof. From these resolutions the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor craved leave to enter his dissent, for reasons to be afterwards given in.

Messrs. Aitken, McClure, Henderson, Hogg, Ewing, Proudfoot and W. Fraser, craved leave to join in dissenting from these resolutions.

Mr. Jennings, for himself and for the Session of Toronto congregation, protested against the decision of Synod in the case.

Dr. William Taylor read and gave in, for himself and others, reasons of dissent from the final decision of the Synod in the case of the Session of Toronto Congregation and Mr. Ure. The reasons were ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and are as follows, viz:—

1. Because, there is injustice committed against the Session of Toronto, by declaring that they have "obstructed" the business of this Court, whereas they have only expressed their unwillingness to have a private rather than a public investigation, in the exercise of a right which the Synod has already acknowledged.