

necessary to characterize such evidence as it deserves. But Mr. Mitchell's extreme liberality is somewhat striking. However \$20,000 may be a small sum to Mr. Mitchell. He is a man of peculiar opinions, one of which is "that a rich man can get along without a character," a somewhat extraordinary doctrine for an elder in the Church to promulgate. Perhaps the best solution of this extraordinary answer may be found in another portion of Mr. Mitchell's evidence, couched in these modest terms.

"I am a man who am pretty positive in my opinions," to which the Court will have no difficulty in assenting, gauging them at the same time by another measure. It is very important to learn that from such a witness notwithstanding that he was present at the meetings, of the 3rd and 4th November, he never heard Mr. Johnston use the word 'liar,' and that he never heard the Plaintiff apply such a term to any person or to any collection of persons though he has 'a friend' who was aware that Mr. Johnston did apply such term to some parties unknown. He objects however to declare the friend's name, notwithstanding that his testimony might be important to Defendant in the suit. 'The friend' was not called as a witness; probably he had an engagement. Mr Mitchell being a man of very positive opinions, was asked the following question.

QUESTION—What was the most outrageous thing you ever saw the Plaintiff do at any meeting of Session?

ANSWER—The most outrageous thing I ever saw the Plaintiff do was trying to take the minute book out of the Defendants' hands and attempting to drag it out of his hands.