

*First*—They had voluntarily abandoned the position of judges, and assumed that of litigants. Whether they had done so rightly or wrongly, was nothing to Dr. Pryor; they had done so; he had consented to meet them as litigants; and the issue was put in the hands of the Council. After that issue was decided they could not resume the characters of judges,—reason revolts from the idea; but

*Secondly*—The conflicts between them, while holding the relation of hostile litigants, had engendered feelings utterly opposed to the impartiality and calmness necessary for just judgment.

On this ground then, were there no other, the act of the Church, on the 24th day of September, in passing on the moral character and conduct of Dr. Pryor, was founded on the assumption of an office which they were not entitled to assume, and if they were so entitled, they yet were not in the condition of mind necessary for the performance of its functions.

I am told in the Reply, page 20, that I had scarcely touched the great question of guilt or innocence, and that I had made no effort to remove the great difficulty of the Church, by fairly dealing with the evidence.

Before the decision of the Council, by common understanding, the evidence taken on the charge of immorality, had been adjudged by the Church, not to sustain the imputation of guilt, and there was no occasion to discuss that charge again until the Council met. On the charge of fraud, I had given my reasons to the Church, why the errors in Dr. Pryor's accounts, and the evidence on that subject did not sustain the imputation of intentional wrong, and ought not to affect his moral character. My own belief in Dr. Pryor's innocence I did express in my letters, but I did not discuss the evidence, and for two principal reasons:—

*First*—My letter was written to justify my withdrawing from Granville Street Church; my reasons for impugning the conduct of the Church, were not dependent on the question of Dr. Pryor's guilt or innocence, and I did not intend to give them any pretence for evading my charges by raising any other issue.

*Secondly*—I considered, as I still consider, that the decision of the Council had closed the enquiry, and I did not intend to weaken the weight of that decision, by opening up a question which they had determined.

Throughout this Memorial I have made mention of many violations of Christian charity; but amid all the acts of malevolence done by Granville Street Church, their conduct toward Mrs. Pryor stands out with revolting prominence. After the cloud had burst upon the head of a husband whom, from the experience of forty years she loved and trusted, and while her own heart was rent with agony in her deep sympathy with him, no member of the Church approached her to sustain or console, save a few of the female members, who, however, speedily discontinued their visits with the exception of two, whose kindness warrants the title "sister;" a title profaned by the others.