

teacher as well as for his congregation. They have developed and strengthened the spirit of schism, they have fostered a feeling of antagonism to the Churches around, which has been the reverse of ennobling or edifying. In some cases the absence of any restraining creed has led the teacher to carry his "liberty of prophesying" into a license of statement; and he has drifted further and further away from the soberness of truth and the convictions of his brethren. Then, as to the way in which, and the time at which, this resolution of mine comes before you, I am sure that every member knows that I could not first take the opinion of the congregation as to my own course of action. I will not do any one the injustice of supposing that he could imagine I should first consult the congregation as to my private duty in a matter so personal and so grave. I leave and have left every member and adherent perfectly free to the exercise of an unbiassed choice; and a less liberty I could not accept for myself. I could not for a moment stoop to influence any one by entreaty and persuasion in such a matter, except in the ordinary way in which one man talks over his plans and intentions to another; and I think I may say that I know the congregation too well to suppose they would imagine any other course of action possible. . . . I now leave it to you to decide as to your path of duty, following the guidance which the Father of all Lights may vouchsafe; and (as I said when in similar circumstances I called the congregation together and announced to it my resolution to leave the Free Church) I will understand and respect your decision, whatever it may be, and the private action of every member, whether it coincides or differs from my own; and if any of you feel that you cannot go along with me, that will not, so far as I am concerned, interrupt in the slightest degree our friendly relationships. (Applause.)

After hearing Mr. Knight's statement, the congregation unanimously resolved to be admitted along with him into the Established Church.

At a meeting of the Dundee Presbytery of the Established Church, held on Wednesday—Mr. Milne, Dundee, moderator—the application of the Rev. William Knight "to be admitted as a minister of the Church of Scotland" was considered. In a note he had addressed to the Clerk, Mr. Knight said:—"I shall gladly give to the Presbytery of Dundee all information on the points into which they may judge it necessary to inquire, and hope to do so to the satisfaction of the Court." A deputation of St. Enoch's congregation attended and

read the resolution adopted at the meeting held on Monday night, approving Mr. Knight's conduct, and following it. After the deputation had been heard, Mr. Young, Montith, proposed the following motion:—"That the Presbytery find this to be a case which fails to be disposed of in terms of the 9th section of the Act of Assembly anent the admission of ministers and licentiates from dissenting bodies, which prescribes, under section 9, 'that in cases of application for admission from a minister and his congregation jointly, the Presbytery shall transmit all the documents laid before them in reference to such application to the General Assembly, but shall take no steps subsequent to the application and accompanying documents, until they have received authority and directions from the Assembly thereant. The Presbytery, therefore, having respect to the terms of the statute, resolve to transmit the application of Mr. Knight and his congregation to the General Assembly of the Church, summoned to meet at Edinburgh, on 21st May 1874; as, however, there may be other documents to transmit along with those tendered to-day, the Presbytery, instead of closing the record, continue it until their next ordinary meeting, that there may be an opportunity of putting in any additional documents which it may be considered advisable to transmit to the Supreme Ecclesiastical Court."

After some discussion, Mr. Young's motion was unanimously adopted.

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Impressions from *Conversazione* of Y. M. C. Association at Halifax, 24th April.

This was not the night of opening that took place on the Tuesday previous, as to which the "Reporter" of the 21st gives a good account, but it was the evening of the *Conversazione*, and both community and members were well represented. Speaking and singing both good. But what especially interested me was the last act of the drama, the "*Giving to the cause.*" We must explain that the debt on the building amounted to \$17,000, which it was desired to reduce by one half, and \$5,300 the Rev. G. M. Grant said must be subscribed then and there. Well, had a collection been taken after the speeches were over,