

of the Society, and some who were obviously neither subscribers nor friends. The party styling themselves the minority of the Committee, although they had already held a meeting, at which they went through the form of electing Office-Bearers, as the published reports of their meeting state, were early in attendance, and occupied the platform on the right of the chair. They offered most strenuous opposition to the right and election of the first Vice-President to occupy the chair. In this they were overruled. They then, by a determined and, in our opinion, organized opposition, prevented the business of the meeting from being proceeded with. One of their supporters, under their approval, at least, if not by their direction, strode upon the platform, armed with a heavy stick, and took his seat behind the chairman, then raising his stick, fiercely threatened some of the clergymen who were quietly sitting there, adding insolently that he would throw some of them out of the window. After a little, finding that order could not be secured, the minority repeatedly refusing to listen to the chairman, or give place to the speaker, whom he declared to have the floor, and believing all further action or deliberation to be utterly hopeless, the chairman, with the consent of the officebearers present, declared the meeting dissolved, and left the chair.

Then followed a scene, which has been already pourtrayed by the reporters who were present, and on which it is painful to dwell. A number of violent men rushed hither and thither, shouting and yelling, swinging their clubs and breaking the seats—converting the hall for a short time into a scene of the wildest uproar and lawless disorder. The officebearers have thus again been precluded from submitting the question at issue to the consideration of the Society; and from the reiterated assertions of the minority, that they will keep up the agitation, even “from generation to generation,” they see no prospect of further co-operation in the matter. Painful as it is to make these statements, the officebearers feel that they have done what they could to avert the deplorable issue to which affairs have been madly driven, and they leave their conduct in this matter to the candid consideration of the members, and the unprejudiced criticism of an intelligent public.

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