

of our faith and order, were read before this church, and the following resolution was passed in reference thereto:—

“That as there has never been any rupture in our fellowship with the Bond street church in the past, we do not feel ourselves called upon to take further action in this matter than to assure them that as we have sympathized with them in their troubles heretofore, so we hope in the future always to extend to them our cordial fellowship and good will.

“By order of the church, at its meeting, January 12th, 1881.

“D. LANGFORD GRAHAM,

“Secretary.”

It will be observed that the Northern church appointed a deputation to convey its resolutions (those passed by the conference) to the Bond street church, but they were sent by mail, and moreover it had been agreed upon by the pastor and deacons of Bond street church that no notice could be taken of the conference referred to, and that as the Northern church had adopted its resolutions *simpliciter*, it would not be wise to receive the brethren appointed. Had not the action of the church been forwarded by mail, the result might have been otherwise.

The Bond street church proceeded further as here detailed:

On the 26th January, at the annual meeting of the Bond street church, the resolutions were taken in consideration, and the new deacon's Board submitted the subjoined reply, which was adopted unanimously:—

“That in review of the recent action of the churches of our faith and order in this city in response to the efforts of this church towards a renewal of fellowship, be it hereby resolved:—

“1. That to the Western Church and its late pastor, the Rev. J. B. Silcox, we beg to express our high appreciation of the Christian sympathy and fellowship extended at a time and under circumstances when such sympathy and fellowship were most needed, and for the renewed expression of its confidence so recently tendered. The Church assures their brethren of its hearty reciprocation, and pledges itself to earnest co-operation with them in every good word and work. It gladly avails itself of the opportunity thus afforded to further assure the Western fellowship of its hope and prayer that an under shepherd may ere long be settled over them in the gospel who shall worthily succeed their late esteemed pastor.

“2. In response to a resolution of a conference adopted by the Northern, Zion, and Yorkville churches, this church records its opinions that the proceedings of the said conference were