

Meeting could not be found, but if he produced Dr. Donald's letter and it contained such a pledge as he alleged, he had no doubt that pledge would be faithfully and honourably redeemed by the Congregation. He replied that *Dr. Donald's letter contained private matter and could not be shown.* After this statement any further allusion to it was, of course, out of the question.

We were not aware of it at the time, but it was the fact, as we subsequently discovered, that whilst so much difference of opinion existed and such angry discussion was going on amongst the Elders and Trustees, as to the nature of the missing Resolutions of the Congregational Meeting, Mr. Cameron had them, or copies of them, in his possession, and could have put an end to all disputes at once by producing them. He afterwards admitted to Mr. Watson that he had received them in a private letter from Mr. Forbes; and, in reply to a remark of Mr. Watson's, that perhaps he was relying upon some statement contained in Mr. Forbes' letter, he said that the latter ought not to be blamed, for it was not upon his statements but upon those contained in Dr. Donald's letter that he relied.

On the afternoon of the 9th Feb., another meeting of the Elders and Trustees was held, at which Mr. Murdoch was not present; and Mr. Forbes, as Secretary, having in the usual way read over the Minutes of the former meeting, they were confirmed without remark. But in the Minutes thus confirmed the Amendment to Mr. Girvan's Resolution does not appear in the shape in which it was passed at the meeting of the 4th February. As it appears in the confirmed Minutes, *no provision is made for notification of the vacancy by Circulars to the Presbyteries and Synods or by publication in the Presbyterian periodicals.* In short, those points in it which Mr. Murdoch had especially designed to secure, and which its original supporters deemed of the most vital importance, had been eliminated. Mr. Forbes says, indeed, and so does the Chairman, that they never were in it. If they were not, then a large portion of the Elders and Trustees could not have known what they were talking about, and they must have wasted a great deal of discussion about nothing. But they were in it when it was passed, as can be proved by the affidavits of a number of the