

plaintiff were doing so solely for the sake of his soul's salvation, that they, as well as he, knew that it was necessary that the plaintiff should apologise to the defendant and give up the judgment he had obtained before he could be in good standing, and that all three were convinced that reconciliation with the church was needed through a confession of his sin and an abandonment of the results of it before he could, according to the belief which they had in common, be safe from eternal punishment. No temporal advantage to any one, and certainly not to the church or any one connected with it, was in the mind of any person taking part in this interview; it was just faithful brethren striving with an erring brother and earnestly endeavouring to bring him back to the truth. The fear that the plaintiff would not have money to keep the illegitimate child was met by the statement of Hoover that the child would be taken care of (p. 43); and the fear that the defendant would not pay the costs was met by the Bishop undertaking that if the defendant did not pay the costs he himself would. No doubt, in much of this, one having no knowledge of the methods of certain religious bodies, might be tempted to suspect indirect motive, but I venture to think that all that took place was wholly natural, and precisely what might be expected in such a religious body as this; and, as I have said, no attack is made upon the good faith and perfect candour and honesty of both Bishop and Hoover.

In the result the plaintiff is brought to a sense of his sin; and agrees to give up his ill-gotten gains; the defendant at first refuses to settle without an apology from daughter and father who have wronged him so, as he claims, and as, were it not for the finding of the jury, I should be inclined to think they had—of course, under our practice, in the circumstances, we cannot set aside the findings of the jury, however much we should like to do so.

A solicitor who has not acted for either party in the action, is seen, and the plaintiff abandons his judgment; the defendant, having received the apology of the plaintiff alone, is content with that, the daughter not being a member of the church, and agrees to drop his appeal and pay the costs.

No influence was exercised over the plaintiff other than that necessarily following from the fear of losing his church connection and the eternal consequences of his sin; and no benefit was obtained, desired, or expected for the Bishop or Hoover or the church or any one connected with it.