

spiritual interests, the prosperity of the Free Church cause, and the advancement of Christianity determined to endeavour by every lawful means to accomplish their desires, and to provide as well for their own necessities as for those of the Congregation to which they belong. After mature consideration it was decided, that the most desirable method of making the late Minister of St. John's Church acquainted with the matters thus contemplated, was to request a Meeting of the Session to be convened to consider and devise the best means to be adopted for promoting the Free Church cause and the erection of a New Church, and to report thereon to a meeting of the Congregation to be called for that purpose. With these objects in view, the first step in the matter was taken in the month of May, 1845. A requisition of the above nature was prepared and the signatures of about 20 members of St. John's Church, obtained leaving the course to be pursued, and the measures to be proposed by each person as might be deemed best. The Meeting of Session was accordingly called from the Pulpit and held agreeably to appointment, but before proceeding to business, it was not constituted as usual and as was absolutely necessary. At that meeting, the Elders made the late Minister of St. John's acquainted with the views of the parties, and with the changes that were deemed necessary. The business of the meeting was eagaged in, but nothing definite was decided on, and as it was not constituted, there were no minutes taken so far as is known, and consequently could not be brought before the Presbytery, the next higher Church Court. The meeting of the Congregation was also called agreeably to the requisition, but in consequence of the Session having nothing definite to submit, and in consequence of the imputations of unworthy motives and conduct, then made against those who had obtained the signatures to the requisition, the meeting became confused, and after a short time dispersed. About that

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