

it was merely formal—to keep the Society in existence. It must therefore have been specially worded with a view to deception, or the construction now put upon it must have been an after-thought.

Unhappy as have been the more immediate results of these agitations of the public mind, we cannot but hope that the steady and timely resistance to the course of the minority, on the part of the Committee, will not only avert evils that must otherwise have fallen upon this community, but will ultimately lead to good results in the establishment of those principles of justice, fairness and honour, without which civilization itself must be extinguished, and a people relapse into barbarism. We have no wish to screen abuses, but we cannot give countenance to reckless and persistent attacks upon the moral character of our respected citizens, and we believe that the good sense and good feeling of the community, now that our difficulties are understood, will sustain us in the position which we have taken.

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JAMES WATSON,	
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D. McLELLAN, <i>Depositary.</i>	

DECEMBER 17, 1863.

Since the foregoing was written, the Office Bearers resolved to call the meeting of the members of the Society, which, for the reasons stated, had been postponed, a circular was therefore issued by the first Vice-President, inviting the members to attend a meeting, to be held in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute, on the evening of the 11th inst. On the afternoon of that day large placards were posted in conspicuous places throughout the city, of which the following is a copy :

"BIBLE SOCIETY.

"Friends and Subscribers, be at the Mechanics' Hall, at E. Jackson's Meeting, this Friday evening, at seven o'clock, to protect the rights of the Bible Society."

At the hour appointed for the meeting, a large number of persons had convened, comprising members, subscribers and friends