

we desire to state that, as far as our intentions could make it possible, we have been loyal members of our Church, and have endeavored to labor for its prosperity, and are quite willing to abide by any decision that may be arrived at in the interests of peace and harmony and the prosperity of our Church, provided this decision does not rob us of our joy in God through the Holy Ghost which is given unto us, and the privilege to tell to others the glad news of Gospel truth. It was mentioned yesterday that it might be advisable to allow us to retain our membership in the Church of our choice, but to debar us from being teachers. As touching this point, we have to say that we have no inclination at this time to request being allowed to become teachers in the Sabbath School or in the congregational prayer meeting; but would like to understand what our privileges would be, were we allowed to retain connection with our Church. Would we be deprived the privilege of reading a scripture lesson, taking part in prayer or testimony? What latitude would be given us? If permitted to take part in any of the exercises at any meeting, we will in the future as in the past acknowledge the authority of the chair, and should we say anything which might be considered by such authority not to be in harmony with the truth as held by our Church, it would be a simple matter for him to check us, and we would quietly resume our seats. We cannot see what more could be gained by not allowing us to retain all the privileges of Church membership.

Yours faithfully,

J. K. AND J. D. CRANSTON,

*On behalf of the Appellants.*

Immediately on the reading of the paper being finished, fully a dozen members were on the floor, each calling at the top of his voice, "Mr. Moderator," etc.

The voice of President Forrest could be heard above the din, crying that if these people had offered to take this course before this trouble would have been avoided.

Rev. Mr. Jackson said the Session had time and again offered to restore the appellants if they would agree to desist from preaching their views, but they refused. He said that it was absurd to ask that the chairman of prayer meeting should rebuke them if they made a misstatement.

Mr. Moodie asked if they wanted to retain their membership, and still teach their doctrines outside the church.

Mr. J. D. Cranston thought this had been made sufficiently clear in the paper.

Mr. Moodie pressed for "Yes" or "No."

Mr. J. K. Cranston thought, as Dr. Ure and others pointed out yesterday, the difference, if any, between the teachings was very slight. They were substantially the same.