

GODERICH, OCT. 8th, 1885.

MR. JOHN RUSSELL,

MY DEAR SIR,—In accordance with my promise I laid before the Session at its meeting, on Wednesday evening last, your letter, in which you ask for a certificate which shall state the time down to which you were a member in full communion of Knox church, also the date at which your name was removed from the communion roll of the church, with a statement of the reason for the action taken in your case. As you have already the information asked for the Session could not see why you should ask for it again. They agreed, however, to grant the request, and drew up a minute in reference to it, of which the certificate herewith sent is a copy. In transmitting the document the Session instructed me to inform you that, as soon as you are prepared to submit to the decision of the Session and Presbytery, and show a proper spirit towards those against whom you have brought groundless and vexatious charges, they will be happy to hear from you again and to take the necessary steps for your restoration to membership in the church, but that until then they will hold no further correspondence with you in regard to your case.

I remain, my dear sir, yours very sincerely,

ROBERT URE.

As specially requested by Mr. Russell the Session of Knox church furnishes him with the following form of certificate : It is hereby certified that Mr. John Russell was a member in full communion of Knox church, Goderich, from June 2nd, 1874, until Jan. 21st, 1885, at which latter date he was placed under suspension ; that he remained under suspension until April 1st, 1885, at which date his name was removed from the communion roll of the church. The minutes of Session recording the acts of suspension, a copy of which was duly transmitted to Mr. Russell, specifies contumacy as the reason of this act. The minutes of Session recording the erasure of his name from the communion roll of the church, a copy of which was duly transmitted to him, is in the following terms : That the Session, having reported the fact of Mr. John Russell's contumacy to the Presbytery of Huron, and having been directed by the Presby-