

church and other churches of the denomination (in which the Bond street church was once one of the most honoured and useful members) has been solely occasioned by that churches' determined action.

"We consider that the Bond street church should not only express regret for the sad results, but frankly acknowledge regret for their erroneous conduct, and this in simple justice to themselves, to the minority who were driven from amongst them, and to the Christian public generally.

"In our judgment, therefore, it is the Bond street church alone that can place itself in true fellowship with the Christian community and with the once sister churches, and until this is done we are constrained to say that a mere formal fellowship would be worthless to them and unworthy of those who tendered it.

"We unhesitatingly say that we desire the true prosperity of the Bond street church, that these utterances are made in no unfriendly or critical spirit, but being called upon by that church to take action we find it incumbent upon us to take and maintain such a position as will honestly show our views in regard to those unhappy events that have so troubled and disturbed our denomination in this city and province."

The Bond street brethren felt that had each church been left to its own course, passing its own uninfluenced judgment, it would have been strictly in accord with congregational usage, and a more kindly and sympathetic feeling would have been engendered.

The churches met and acted upon the Conference judgment, with the following results:—

The Northern and Yorkville churches at their regular church meetings on December 29th, adopted these last resolutions *simpliciter*; the Yorkville church adding their readiness to grant fellowship when the conditions were fulfilled; the Northern appointing the pastor with Messrs. Baird and Nasmith to convey the resolutions to the Bond street church; then continued the consideration to an adjourned church meeting on the 5th inst., and adopted the same, simply adding to the last paragraph so as to read, "we desire the *restoration* and true prosperity," &c.

From the Western Congregational church the following letter was received:—

*To the Bond Street Congregational Church:*

"DEAR BRETHREN.—The resolutions submitted by you, having reference to a renewal of fellowship with other churches