

She gave a short history of her experience in connection with the various trials before the Church courts and how she was tempted by the enemy not to go before the Courts because there would be a great array of theology there ; but the Lord made it plain to her that she was to go. She reminded the Assembly how that Dr. Smith, her then pastor, had, twenty years ago, been brought before the Church courts, and how God had honored and blessed him for his fidelity to the truth.

Rev. Alex. Jackson, on behalf of the Session of Knox Church, Galt, gave a brief resume of the case. He said that it had been a practical necessity for the peace of the Church that this action had been taken in this matter. He had nothing personal in the matter because it had all been done under his predecessor before he arrived in Canada, and he simply wished to act as an impartial judge in the matter. There were three elders who resigned their positions in the Church in sympathy with these brethren, but because they had not obtruded their opinions and made trouble in the Church were allowed to remain in it and were members in good standing still. He read several extracts from minutes which were not contained in the printed record.

He explained the informality in the first citation by the Session as owing to the extreme delicacy of his predecessor and through a desire on the part of the Session to avoid trouble. Mr. Caldwell was accused of creating trouble in the Church by proclaiming his peculiar views in the prayer meeting, especially during the absence of Dr. Smith in California. Mr. Macpherson would corroborate him. For five months the Session bore with the disturbances of these brethren. At the close of a large prayer meeting Mr. Jas. Cranston got up, and in a demonstrative way proceeded to say that a great many of them were mouthpieces of the devil, and if they would only go to the meetings of the appellants they would find that God was blessing them. These peculiar notions were regularly inculcated. The reason why the members were dealt with individually in the Session was that he wanted to reclaim them ; if not all, some of them. He did his level best to get the ladies out of the scrape. These things were taught systematically in the Church, and the whole Session of Knox Church—the whole board—would certify that these gentlemen boasted that the Session did not dare to touch them. They challenged the Session. They were not as quiet and unobtrusive as they pretended to be. These were things with which the Session had to deal. If they had disciplined Mr. Caldwell four years ago the Session felt they would not have had so many to deal with now. A committee then waited on Mr. Jas. Cranston to deal with him regarding his conduct in the prayer meeting. Every step that had been taken he had consulted with some of the wisest men in the Presbyterian Church, and the reason why he had remained silent was that he felt that most of those interested were the victims of abuse. Mr. Cranston stated that the Session had become alarmed at their progress. This was true, and it would have been better for the Church if it had become alarmed long before. They were boasting that they were making proselytes and that the room they had for holding their meeting was filled. In the Session meeting where the two elders resigned owing to their sympathy for these