

thereafter cited to appear to answer for his conduct in withdrawing his salary aid in making charges against the Moderator which were untrue. At an adjourned meeting of Session, held December 8th, 1904, Mr. Angus G. McKay denied both charges. He declared that his statement to the Board of Managers was as follows: That he, Angus G. McKay, withdrew only the amount promised to the minister's salary; that he would pay toward repairs of property and toward the minister when he heard him. The Session, after deliberation, found that, on his own admission, Mr. Angus G. McKay's action was inconsistent with his ordination vows, and asked him to reconsider his action. He thereupon declared as follows: "I withdraw my statement to the Board of Managers, and I will pay henceforth toward support of divine ordinances in this Church as the Lord will prosper me." In regard to the second charge of the indictment, Mr. Angus G. McKay admitted that he acted the duties of elder on the occasion referred to. The Session, after deliberation, accepted the following declaration by Mr. Angus G. McKay: "I am not conscious of having made the statement charged against me in the indictment, but it is possible, from what these (three) witnesses testify, that I have, and if I have made the statement referred to, I retract it and express regret for it." The Session, on hearing his statement, sisted procedure in his case.

Confidence Shaken.

On Saturday, the 10th day of December, Mr. A. G. McKay called at the Manse. He evidenced some alarm and anxiety lest his conduct be entered on the minutes. I pointed out to him how much more honorable it would have been for him to resign. He replied that "he was advised not to resign, but simply challenge us to take action against him." "I knew," he said, "that when Mr. Kenneth McIver confirmed my statement that he lied, but it was not for me to correct him." I assured him that, in so far as I could prevent it, that the matter would not go on the permanent records, and, in any case, that his personal abuse of me would not appear on the record. That, under the circumstances, and until such time as confidence be restored, it was essential to have a record of proceedings. At a meeting of Session, held February 6th, 1905, Mr. Angus G. McKay asked that the records be destroyed. After consideration, it was agreed not to enter a full minute on permanent records, but to hold them "in retentis."

Irregularities in our Church Courts.

At a meeting of Session, March 6th, 1905, Mr. Angus G. McKay submitted a document purporting to be an appeal to the Presbytery. He himself presented the original to the Clerk of Presbytery, who read the same at a public meeting of Presbytery at Sherbrooke, March 9th, 1905. The document referred to was not transmitted through Session. It contained malicious and deliberate slander, and was incorrect in every particular. Referring to the second charge (to wit that he was deprived of his office as elder at communion in October, 1902), he says in his statement of appeal: "While nominally in the name of John P. McLeod, it was really a charge made by the Session. All of the members refusing, the Moderator got John P. McLeod to father it." Meaning and intending thereby that the Moderator was the author and fabricator of the aforesaid charges. The document aforesaid was not only read publicly before the Presbytery, but read also in public stores and before several families in the congregation. The Session wrote Angus G. McKay for a withdrawal of all the charges, and for an apology in writing, allowing him twenty days wherein to reply. A committee to confer with him in private was appointed.