

responsibility, and vested his constituents with additional control over him.

For eighteen months I have been kept out of my Sabbath School by the fact of Mr. Pyper and his "walking ticket" being there. I believe he used the words; and do not some of the Sabbath School teachers believe as I do? and have not more than one discontinued their attendance on this very account? That there is no *physical* bar in the way of my entering the classes is true; but there is a moral barrier which, to a man who knows what self-respect is, proves just as powerful. One of the causes of the depression in the spiritual state of my congregation is just this fact: that Messrs. McMurrich and Shaw being the majority of the Session authorizing it, the Sabbath classes are monopolized by strangers in the congregation, disaffected to the pastor, and having interests opposed to his.

The Presbytery free me from the charge of "tampering" with witnesses, but they notice what they consider an unguarded expression as used by me to one of the witnesses. Let an impartial public listen to this case; a strong one surely if held worthy of ecclesiastical record. One of the witnesses examined, Mr. Donald Fraser, labours under a painful defect in hearing, and at two or three meetings of Session at which he was present, we had considerable difficulty in obtaining categorical answers to our questions. On one of these occasions he was asked by Mr. McMurrich to put his reply in writing. He did so, but the reply was so ambiguous and indistinct as to convey no intelligible idea. The Elders keenly contended for it standing as it was; whereupon I remarked that it was the duty of the presiding judge to "protect the witness," and that I would protect him. Whereupon I told him to look at it again, and try and make it intelligible; adding in words nearly as follows: "Mr. Fraser, do yourself justice." The language put into my mouth by Messrs. Pyper and Campbell, and concurred in by the two Elders, "Ah, sir, that won't do; you must come down a peg. Your evidence is by far too favourable for Mr. Pyper;"—I solemnly declare in writing, as I have repeatedly done in words, *to be a base fabrication*; and I am happy to refer to the evidence of Messrs. Gilbert, Oal, and McKay, and of Mr. Fraser himself, that no such words were heard by them; and they must have been heard, if used, by all present, for I am always in the way of