

son, on the street, and asked him the reason for this slight. He told me that being a comparative stranger in town, he had referred the letter to the Rev. Mr. Mathews, of Zion Baptist church, who had told him that the President and majority of the Union were against Miss Bowes' re-engagement, believing that she was of no earthly use to the Union. Mr. Mathews said Mrs. Gleason had told him this, and he agreed not only not to swear to it, but also to write it, which he did, the Rev. Mr. Hinson showing me the letter. The following is a copy of the letter written by Mr Hinson corroborating the above statements:

San Diego, Cal.

My Dear Mrs. Mackenzie:

Anywhere I am prepared to affirm that Mr. Mathews told me of the existing dissatisfaction with Miss Bowes in the W. C. T. U.; that Mrs. Gleason was against her re-appointment; that the purpose of his written statement which I gave to Mr., was an affirmation of s. h existing dissatisfaction, and that you were better fitted for the rescue work than Miss Bowes. He cannot deny these statements, I am sure.

(Signed) W. B. HINSON.

The Rev. Mr. Mathews did deny these statements, for a letter to this effect was read in the Union on January 4th by Mrs. Gleason, and the suppressing of the minutes by Mrs. Gleason shows that it was recorded.

At the next meeting of the Union I told Mrs. Gleason that she was the cause of the First Baptist church not responding to the letter; owing to the Rev. Mathews repeating what she had told him of her opposition to Miss Bowes.

At this same meeting Rev. Mr. Scott of the Homer Street M. Church was insulted for speaking in favor of Miss Bowes, and had to defend himself against false statements made by them, saying he had already submitted to too much from them. The Rev. Mr. Reid was also insulted.

Miss Bowes had been requested not to come to the room during the discussion, and a delegation of three women was now appointed to ascertain what salary Miss Bowes would accept for the ensuing year. They returned to the meeting stating her terms. The committee then said they were powerless to act until the churches ap-