

all intentional discourtesy to that gentleman, they found that the blame of these irregularities rested upon the Committee and not upon the Minute Secretary. They also embodied in their report a statement made by Mr. Walker in reference to certain words used by him in Committee, in which he disclaimed having used an objectionable word with reference to the complainant. This report was adopted by the Committee, Mr. Burnet, Mr. Pullar and Mr. W. Kennedy dissenting.

At the Annual Meeting of the Society, held in St. Andrew's Church, on the 15th of January, 1863, Messrs. Burnet and Pullar addressed a joint letter to the President. This letter was not read at the Public Meeting, but these gentlemen afterwards published it in the daily papers of the city, and it is as follows:

"HAMILTON, 15th Jan., 1863.

"TRISTRAM BICKLE, Esq.,

*"President of the Bible Society.*

"DEAR SIR,—We feel ourselves reluctantly compelled through you to apologize to the annual meeting of the Hamilton Branch Bible Society for our absence to-night. We abstain from being present because in Committee, we have, for reasons assigned, protested against the proposal of Mr. James Walker as Minute Secretary; and we are therefore unwilling—even by our presence—to seem to assent to his election. And secondly, because we do not desire to countenance a report which we have never seen—and which, if presented as the Committee's report, is sanctioning a falsehood. Two different courses were open to us in this matter. We have chosen the present, which has been commended to us by love to Christ—to truth and righteousness. No other cause could have prevented us taking our position at the meeting. With respect for you and your opinion,

"We are, dear sir,

"Yours truly,

"ROBT. BURNET,

"THOS. PULLAR."