

*Inter alia.*

" Moved by Mr. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. HUNTER :

" Inasmuch as Mr. Johnston has been charged with publishing and circulating a printed circular and distributing the same amongst the members of St. Andrew's Church Congregation, as well as amongst people not belonging to said Church, said circular containing misrepresentations and false statements and unchristian averments, and insinuations, and said circular being issued contrary to the rule of the Session, and said Mr. Johnston having admitted the issuing, publishing and circulating of said circular, and having been called upon to-night by the Moderator and Members of Session to retract the statements contained in said circular, and to express regret for his conduct and said action, and having refused to do so, that this Session do now again give said Mr. Johnston an opportunity to express regret for his said conduct, and he is now asked as a brother to withdraw the said circular and statements, and to express regret for his conduct."

" A true extract.

" Signed,

" J. S. HUNTER, S. C."

At the adjourned meeting of the 29th April, the Appellant handed in to the Session the following answer to the document so served on him, which answer is entered at length in the minutes, as well as the circular signed by him and above referred to, the publication of which was admitted by the Appellant. Whether the Appellant was bound to answer may be questionable, but the Appellant answered in order to avoid the appearance of contumacy, and to notify the Session formally of the grounds upon which the Appellant justified his publication of the circular, and called attention to the irregular proceedings of the Session :

To Mr. J. S. HUNTER,

Session Clerk of ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

Sir,

" In answer to the extract delivered to me of the proceedings of the Session of the St. Andrew's Church of the 26th instant, I beg to state, that the circular signed by me was published and circulated among the members and Pew-Holders of the Church, as the best and only way of speedily informing them of the real state of the facts as to the changes in the mode of worship, and after the publication and circulation of a PRINTED CIRCULAR on the PART of the MODERATOR. This report, by the minutes, would appear to have been adopted by the Session, while, as matter of fact, it was *never adopted, and was never proposed for adoption.*"

" I also desired to call attention to the statement in the report as to the Moderator having reported the large number (stated as 60) of the opponents, who after his visit were held as willing to acquiesce, in what is called the majority, and to bring forward the figures which I believed and still claim to be substantially correct, and to shew, that, taking the whole number of members, and seat holders in the Church, there was not a majority, but only a minority of the whole who had signified their acquiescence in the change. The circulation of such a printed statement I considered necessary to a full knowledge of the facts, and I append hereto the printed circular itself, which I wish recorded as being the best answer to, and my protest against the minutes of the proceedings of the 26th instant, handed me in which my