

doubtedly it has been cited elsewhere: "read prayers" may be as good; nay, far better than many extempore prayers which I have been compelled to hear, both in Knox's Church in this City, and in our own Church: hence the objection does not lie in the *substance*, namely, the prayer, but in the *form*, namely, the *reading* of it; therefore the form here is the breach of the oath, just as the form I complain of is the breach. And is not this their illustration therefore clearly in condemnation of their conduct? most certainly it is. There is no condemnation of "read prayers" in the Westminster Standards, but "the purity of worship as authorised and practised" in our Church, as strictly forbids the same, as it does the standing and singing of the Psalms, both being alike contrary to the same.

Again, does not the change aforesaid declare that Jehovah is not sufficiently worshipped in the old way? and also that He is better worshipped in the new way? Most certainly. And also, as it is admitted, that the Lord is well enough worshipped in the sitting and singing all the Psalms except those as to which the change has been made, is not either the one portion of the worship at direct variance and in hostility to the other portion, or else that the Rev. D. Inglis and his Session have been specially favoured with a vision, that the Almighty would prefer to be worshipped at the said last Psalms, standing?—and who dare avow such a blasphemy!—but either the one or the other must be. And to shew that your Minister and Elders, and not a few of you, think that you are worshiping or professing to worship the Almighty, in standing and singing these Psalms, better than I do, in sitting and singing the same, you, as soon as you see me looking at your performance, cease from staring around the church at your neighbours and their garments, and drop your eyes at once upon your Psalm Books: I cannot however give your Minister such praise for such an attempt at profession, for he stares most consummately through the church while so standing; yet when he sees me looking at him, the semi defiant, and semi martyr heroic expression of countenance which he assumes, accompanied with the throwing back of the head, and the turning up of the eyes to the ceiling over his head, is almost irresistible; yea, verily it is.

I have endeavoured, to the utmost of my power, to induce your said office-bearers to act rightly, and abandon the new system. I addressed your minister by letter, also some of the Elders, and