

P R E F A C E .

As at present a most impudent attempt is being made, under the guise of religious zeal, to create, if possible, a disturbance in Knox's Church, by an ex-Deacon—to wit, Mr. James Walker—aided and abetted by the Revs. David Inglis and Dr. Ormiston—it is only befitting that the Christian public should have an opportunity of judging, from documentary evidence, the appreciation which these brethren recently had of one another—and how much sentiment can be modified by the skedaddling of Deacons to the Central House and of Walker's Elders to McNab Street Presbyterian Church.

It is supposed that ex-Deacon Walker feared joining McNab Street, as he no doubt concluded, from recent developments in the Assize Courts, that the corps of fighting Deacons was already complete there, and he might have been summarily ejected in consequence of the language he had dared to use towards the parson.

The correspondence was caused by a conversation held by the Rev. David Inglis with his friend, the Rev. Duncan McRuar, on his Fast day—"Thursday last."

It is probably regretted that Dr. Jennings did not reply, and take the part it was intended he should play; but he believed in the Scriptural precept, "If thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone"—and therefore he sent on the letter to Mr. James Walker, and referred the Rev. David Inglis to him as "reliable authority," and as it clearly was a public matter already.