

INTRODUCTORY HISTORY

TO

THE GALT, SO-CALLED, HERESY CASE.

In 1869 the town of Galt was visited by a great revival of religion under the labors of the Evangelists Russell and Carrol. This work of God, although not confined to Galt, spreading, as it did, over many neighboring places, yet because of the greater results witnessed there links itself in memory with Galt and chiefly with Knox Church.

Indirectly the present revival is the outcome of this work of grace, for its recognized leader, J. K. Cranston, was one of the many converts of that great revival.

Six years ago David Caldwell, who for upwards of thirty years had held membership in Knox Church, was led by a series of Providences to investigate for himself as to the possibility of securing a more satisfactory Christian experience than that enjoyed by himself and brother members of the Church, and after a variety of soul struggles was enabled to obtain his heart's desire concerning this thing.

It was while alone in the closet of prayer with his Bible that he saw his privilege of accepting God into his life, after the manner of the early Christians. He without hesitation delivered his whole being over to God, and received like them the Holy Spirit thereafter to be in his life the invisible yet recognized law or guide into all truth, and since then testifies to unbroken fellowship with Him.

This soul experience he at once began to tell to all with whom he came in contact, not refraining from public testimony in his church.

This action on his part soon awakened no little stir, and he was cited to appear before the Session to answer to a charge of *heresy*. Here he was twice examined, and threatened with a third examination, but then the matter was dropped.