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TO THE PUBLIC.

The undersigned, Commissioners of the Central Presbyterian Church of Allegheny to the Presbytery of Allegheny, feel constrained, in justice to their late pastor, the Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., and to the congregation they represented, to publish the following *Remonstrance.*

A motion made in the Presbytery, to have their *Remonstrance* placed in the permanent records, was disposed of in the manner shown in the following extract from th minutes of the last meeting of that body:

"The Commissioners of the Central Church having requested to their remonstrance, read in the afternoon, that it be inserted in the permanent records of the Presbytery, a motion was made to that effect. To this the following substitute was offered and adopted, viz: That said Remonstrance be preserved on file with the other documents of the Presbytery."

At the same meeting the Rev. Dr. Plumer offered his resignation as pastor of the church, and the Presbytery accepted it.

The Remonstrance.

The remonstrance of the Congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church of Allegheny, through their Commissioners to the Presbytery of Allegheny city, humbly showeth: That, having grown from a small and weak body, by God's good providence, under the ministration of our beloved pastor, the Rev. Dr. Plumer, to such a condition of prosperity and strength as to enable us to undertake and carry to completion the erection of a neat, commodious and substantial edifice of public worship, during the autumn of 1861, it was discovered about that time that some elements of discord existed among us. This was manifested by letters of complaint to the pastor. For a time after the dedication of the house there seemed to be harmony, but during the spring of 1862 new agitations commenced, and reached a crisis in a congregational meeting held on the 12th and 13th of May last. It then became apparent that some among us desired a dissolution of the pastoral relation Nevertheless, after two evenings spent in consideration of matters in hand, the following action was taken by a vote of 111 to 24:

Resolved, That the Confession of Faith and the Directory for Worship found in the Standards of the Presbyterian Church of America, and fairly drawn from the teachings of God's Word, are clear, and fully sufficient for the guidance of this church and congregation in the difficulties that now exist, or in any that may hereafter arise in our public affairs.

Resolved, That there is no cause for disturbing the pastoral relation in this congregation.

Before the vote was taken, it was declared by those acting with the minority that when the question should be settled by vote they would make no further difficulty. Yet subsequently, at the regular June meeting of the Presbytery, they presented a memorial, on which Presbytery took action, seriously affecting our comfort and best interests.

A part of that action was to appoint a committee to visit the congregation. Previous to such visitation the congregation had another meeting, on the 18th of June last, and unanimously adopted the following paper, (the brethren known as memorialists not attending.) namely:

The congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church in Allegheny, assembled in reference to an adjustment of the difficulties contemplated in the recent action of the Presbytery of Allegheny city, do express our views as follows:

Resolved, That we re-affirm our adherence to the Presbyterian Church, and our entire satisfaction with its basis of doctrine and its standards of government and worship.

Resolved, That we feel a devoted attachment to our pastor; that we take pleasure in assuring him of our confidence in him as a man, a Christian, and a minister; and that we regard any rumors calculated to impair confidence in him as unjustifiable and without foundation.

Resolved, That our pastor, as the leader of the devotions of the sanctuary, in having dilligently besought the favor and blessings of God upon our country, its Chief Magistrate, his counsellors, our Senators and all our rulers, has met the spirit of the Scriptural requirements, and expressed comprehensively the wants of a Christian and patriotic people, and that, to the best of our judgment, this church and congregation, under our pastor's direction, have, in all good conscience, uniformly complied with the principles laid down in the action of the General Assembly of 1861, when that body called upon ministers and people humbly to confess and bewail our national sins; to offer thanks to the Father of Light for His abundant and undeserved goodness toward us as a nation; to seek His guidance and blessing upon our rulers and their counseis; and to implore Him, in the name of Jesus Christ, the great High Priest of the Christian profession, to turn away His anger from us and speedily restore to us the blessings of an honorable peace.

Resolved, That we earnestly desire to live peaceably with all men, and especially to maintain the unity of the Christain brotherhood. To this end we are willing to do anything that is just and practicable to promote the harmony of the whole congregation. So far from wishing to withdraw our esteem and friendship from those brethren who lately memorialized the Presbytery, we assure them of our fellowship and of the full enjoyment of their rights and privileges if they shall remain with us and heartily endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace But if they judge it meet for the glory of God and their own spiritual comfort to leave us and to unite in another organization, we pledge them, as a congregation, our hearty good wishes and our fraternal assistance in any enterprise looking to the spread of the Gospel and the extension of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of five persons [afterwards enlarged to eleven] be appointed to meet the committee sent by the Presbytery to visit this church and congregation, and that the said committee are hereby authorized to act definiteivly in the premises in all matters for the pacification and full adjustment of the business in hand, instructed only by the letter and spirit of this series of resolutions; and if in anything said committee should be in doubt, they are requested to call a congregational meeting for further directions.

On the 3d day of July last the committee of Presbytery visited the congregation, at which time the foregoing, as well as the following papers were submitted by the committee of the congregation. The latter is an acceptance, with full explanations of one of the propositions submitted by the memorialists. It is in the following words:

The committee appointed by the congregation of the Central Presbyterian church, Allegheny, being, both for themselves and for those whom they represent, desirous of removing every occasion of unkindness of feeling, of speech or of conduct, and of enjoying in quietness the ordinances of religion and the ministry of our own choice, submit the following statement to the committee of Presbytery, and through it to the memorialists and to the Psesbytery itself.

Those whom we represent, constituting a clear majority of the voters in the congregation and having an undoubted legal claim to the well ascertained rights of such majorities, do nevertheless make the following proposals:

I. We will retain the name and organization of the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, with present pastoral relations.

II. We will retain the charter and perpetuate the succession of the congregation of the Centeral Presbyterian Church, Allegheny.

III. We will retain the house of worship finished and dedicated last November, if left by the memorialists in the undisputed possession thereof, on the following conditions:

First. That the five Trustees, who are memorialists, shall, at once, as soon as this matter is settled by Presbytery, unite with the other Trustees in calling a congregational meeting for the sole purpose of enabling said memerialists to resign to the congregation their trusteeships, and elect in their places five others concurring with our views. The former Trustees shall then deliver over to the Board of Trustees thus completed by a new election, and put in authority by the congregation, the charter and all the books, papers and evidences of property in possession of said Board or any of its officers and pertaining to said congregation except such as shall be herein after named.

Second. That said memorialists do jointly and severally relinquish all claim and and pretence of claim, legal and moral, to the whole property now held by the Central Church, at the corner of Anderson and Leacock streets and every part thereof, upon our securing to be paid to them the sum of forty-nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars, in current funds of Pennsylvania, in four equal payments, at four, six, nine and twelve months from the day on which this adjustment shall be confirmed by Presbytery and approved by the memorialists, deducting from the whole amount a sum equal to the sum of the pew rents of the memorialists for the present quarter. All unpaid and unmatured notes executed by the memorialists or persons acting with them, and held by the present treasurer of the congregation, shall be retained by said treasurer and disposed of by the memorialists.

It is also understood that any advance of payment offered by us shall be received with the usual discount of six per cent. per annum. It is also expected that the Elder, who is a memorialist, shall unite in holding a regular meeting of Session, for the purpose of receiving any new members whose certificates shall have been already handed in, and granting dismissions to any who may duly apply for them in person or by writing, either for the purpose of joining other existing churches or of uniting in forming a new church in this city.

Under this agreement, the stipulated amount was paid to the memorialists on the 21st of July.

This paper having been read, the roll of the committee representing the memorialists was called, and every member present gave his consent to this mode of settlement. The roll of the committee of the congregation was then called, with like result. The impression made on the community was that matters were settled. Nevertheless, the Committee of Visitation subsequently presented to Presbytery a long report, concluding with two alternatives. The first was, that Presbytery should advise the pastor to resign. The second was, that in case Presbytery did not invite him to resign, it should assent to the pecuniary settlement agreed upon by the parties.

Before the vote on the first alternative was taken, Dr. Plumer declared his entire readiness to resign, if Presbytery would by any act assume the responsibility of such a step. Presbytery declined so to advise him, and gave its assent to the second alternative. Soon thereafter the money contributed by the memorialists to the erection of the house of worship, was paid to a committee of their number, and such of the memorialists as were communicants, and such other communicants as acted with them, were, at their own request, duly dismissed, to unite in forming a new church in Allegheny, or to join any existing church.

Here, it seems to us, ought to have been a full end of all difficulty. Yet, at the meeting of Presbytery on the 2d instant, held at Cross Roads, action was had virtually undoing what had been settled by that body. It was as follows:

Rev. Dr. McAboy, seconded by Rev. J. Launitz, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, Whereas the Rev. Dr. Plumer, after having given various declarations by speech and writing of his loyalty to the Government of the United States, refused to vote for the resolutions offered at the close of the last meeting of Presbytery, affirming the loyalty and duties of all good citizens and church members; therefore

Resolved, That the action of Presbytery, whereby it declined to recommend to Dr. Plumer the resignation of his pastoral charge, be now reconsidered.

Adopted unanimously.

The following paper was then introduced, and, after full consideration, was adopted:

As the conservators of the religious interests of the churches committed to our care, this Presbytery feel constrained to notice and to essay the removal of a scandal which has already injured our religious influence and interrupted the peace and unity of one of our congregations.—The reputed disloyalty to the civil government under which we live, of the Rev. Dr Plumer, pastor of the Central Church of Allegheny, has caused difficulty and division in that lately prosperous congregation, and has driven from its communion more than eighty members. The same cause has brought reproach on our denomination, and so impaired our usefulness in the community. It has also grieved the hearts of many of our Christian people, both near at hand and afar off.—It has, likewise, tended to encourage the public and armed enemies of our Government and peace, and so to prolong the the horrors of this insurrection and to delay the return of peace, order and prosperity in our country. And as the Rev. Dr. Plumer has, even in the presence of this Presbytery, on a former occasion, by word and writing, given occasion for serious doubts of his loyalty, by expressions of opposition to the measures of the Government for the suppression of the rebellion, and by refusing to concur in the expressions of loyalty made at our last meeting, and by sundry other sayings and doings; therefore, this Presbytery, as well for the public vindication of ourselves and the Church as for the honor of the Christian duty of loyalty, and for the restoration of unity to a divided congregation, do recommend to Rev. Dr. Plumer to cease from the exercise of his pastoral office in the Central Church, until his fame is cleared of the reproach herein above alluded to.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, In view of this action, the minority who have ceased to attend the Central Church, be recommended to return to that church, and also to restore

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the funds received from the majority, to them.

Resolved, That this Presbytery believes that the interests of the Western Theological Seminary, of the Presbyterian Church, of our common Christianity, and of our country, require the Directors of the Western Theological Seminary to suspend the labors of the Rev. Dr. Plumer in that Institution until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

It was *Resolved*, That the Clerk, and Mr. J. Park, Jr., be a committee to publish the proceedings of Presbytery, in relation to Dr. Plumer, and also to send copies of the minutes on the same subject to Dr. Plumer, to the Session of the Central Church, and to Dr. Dale, for the minority lately in connexion with the church.

Of said action the congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church, at a meeting held on the 10th inst., took the following notice, namely:

The congregation of the Central Presbyterian Church of Allegheny, in congregational meeting assembled, having respectfully considered the action of the Presbytery of Allegheny city, at its late meeting on the 2d inst.—

Resolsed, First, that we express our great surprise and deep sorrow that matters which had been fairly, fully, and by the unanimous consent of all concerned, adjusted, should again, without notice to us, when our pastor was necessarily absent, when no elder from this church was present, when even our brethren, the memorialists, asked for no change of action, have been brought up and acted upon in a manner so well suited to harrow our tenderest and most sacred feelings.

Resolved, That in our judgment, it is as much the duty of Presbyteries and other church courts to defend the character of worthy ministers and churches, as it is to reprehend those that are found, upon trial, to be heretical, disorderly or immoral, and that the treatment we have received seems to us harsh and uncalled for.

Resolved, That the Presbyterian Church is a free commonwealth, with a written constitution, guaranteeing the rights of members and churches, and from the seventeenth chapter of the Form of Government, which treats entirely of dissolving the pastoral relation, we can see nothing to justify the course of proceedings had by Presbytery.

Resolved, That after a full trial, with the best opportunities of judging from his public ministrations and private walks, we have entire and unabated confidence in the ability of our Pastor, in his piety, and in his faithfulness to all the obligations of a Christian, a minister and a citizen. And that, entertaining such views, we found, on entering our loved sanctuary on the Sabbath following the late meeting of our Presbytery, those lips from which we had so long been accustomed to receive the words of everlasting life sealed by the recommendation of that body.

Resolved, That having been informed that the Presbytery is to hold a called meeting in this church, on the 10th inst, and that then our honored and beloved Pastor will offer the resignation of his pastoral charge—not because he desires to leave us, but because the Presbytery has invited it, therefore the committee appointed at a former meeting be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners to Presbytery, with instructions to oppose the acceptance of said resignation by all fair and honorable measures and remonstrances. And that this same committee be and they are hereby authorized to act definitively in all matters pertaining to the business referred to in this series of resolutions.

Against this series of acts of Presbytery and in particular against its action at its last meeting, we do respectfully, humbly and earnestly *remonstrate:*

First—The history of this course of action towards us has, as we think, been without a precedent, in that a large majority of a congregation, worthy of respect and tender treatment, have throughout been treated as if they were an unworthy minority, while it must be confessed that said majority have done nothing, and said nothing suited to create disturbance in the congregation or in the community.

Second—That not one of the foregoing documents suited to present our position in a true light has been put on the records of the Presbytery, nor by the committee appointed by the Presbytery for the purpose, given to the public through the newspapers; while the memorial of our brethren of the minority has been spread on said records at full length, and the report of the Committee of Visitation, covering more than a column of the *Presbyterian Banner*, has been also spread at length on the same records and given to the public by said committee, although it is a fact that Presbytery never, by vote, adopted or approved anything in it except these words: "They assent to the pecuniary arrangement made between the parties."

We do therefore express our surprise and regret that proposals which Presbytery *refuses* to sanction, and which this congregation deem uncalled for and injurious to their good name, were permitted to appear in the public prints in connection with the reports of the *action* of Presbytery, in such a way as to make an impression unfavorable to us on the minds of superficial readers

Third—That this whole course of action is calculated to make the impression that contracts, involving considerable sums of money and permanent church relations, are not regarded by the Presbytery as sacred.

We respectfully remind Presbytery that by its interposition through its committee, the committee of memorialists made two propositions to this congregation, one of which was, that if we would yield up possession of the church building, they would pay back to the retiring congregation the amount by it contributed to the building of the church; or, if we preferred to retain the house, they would withdraw and yield up all claim upon being repaid the amount that they collectively had contributed towards the building. Without admitting the correctness of the rule which thus required a large majority of a congregation to leave a building which they and their pastor had aided to erect, yet, in order to remove every cause of complaint, and to testify our desire for peace and concord, we had fully determined to accept the first proposition and yield up possession of the church on the terms proposed. But, just before the final meeting of the committees, the way was opened in a most providential manner for us to accept the other proposition of the late memorialists, to wit: that *we* should retain the building and to pay them back their contributions to it.

At the appointed time the three committees met, representing severally the Presbytery, the minority of the congregation and the majority of the congregation, and the propositions being still open which were made at the previous meeting, we formally accepted the second one, and gave notice that we were ready to pay over to the minority the amount they claimed. This basis of settlement was accepted by all present, by a formal vote of the two committees of the congregation, and the acquiescence of the committee of Presbytery, who had advocated this basis of settlement, and seemed gratified at its consummation. It was cer-

a final settlement of the difficulty, and we so understood several brethren of the committee of memorialists, who expressed satisfaction that a settlement had been reached. It was also published in the newspapers that the "difficulty was settled;" and we think, was so understood by the public.

At the next meeting of Presbytery the financial settlement was confirmed, and although it was attempted to add other action, the effect of which would have been unjust and degrading to this congregation as an order-loving and law abiding member of the Presbyterian commonwealth, and especially uncalled for toward us as faithful citizens of this loved political Union, yet we are glad that the Presbytery refused to do any such thing—that its action was confined to simply affirming the "settlement" previously made.

Fourth—The effect of the late action of Presbytery, so far as the *power* of your reverend body is concerned, is to deprive us of the benefit of the money we have paid to the memorialists. Presbytery has no control over that money whatever.—No tender of it has been made to us, or to any of us. We have no reason to expect any such thing. It is well known in this community that some of the largest contributors among the memorialists have already sought and formed connection in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ohio, over which your body has no control. It is well understood, too, that some of them do not intend to re-unite with the Central Church. Meantime the late action of Presbytery is calculated to impair confidence in the stability of our congregation, and in the happiness of membership therein, so as to hinder persons from uniting with us.

Fifth—We feel the more aggrieved because of the bearing of these proceedings on our honored and beloved pastor. We are witnesses "how holily, and justly, and unblamably he has behaved himself among us. We know he has exhorted, and comforted and charged every one of us, as a father doth his children, that we would walk worthy of God, who hath called us unto His kingdom and glory." His orthodoxy is unimpeached. He has wept and prayed with us in the great congregation, in the social meeting, and in the family circle. He has not sought ours, but us. He has been exemplary in all the relations of life. His household have diligently labored for the sick and wounded. His charity has been confined to no narrow limits. The poor and the distressed beyond our congregation have been visited and comforted by him. We can but acknowledge his piety, humility, integrity and eminent virtues, and honor him for his labors for a long time in the ministry of the gospel. He is quiet and retiring. Never since he has resided among us has he taken any part in political contentions. He has seemed determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

We again call attention to our former testimony as to the character of his method of conducting the public devotions of the congregation. We cannot, therefore, but respectfully remonstrate against the late action of the Presbytery, which has had the effect of interrupting his great and useful labors among us.

Sixth—We further remonstrate against said action, because it is calculated to injure us in our good name, by implying some doubt respecting the patriotism, public spirit and fidelity of this congregation to the Government of the United States, than which nothing is more unwarranted by the truth or by the facts in the case. It is believed that no congregation in this vicinity, according to its means and the number of its male members, voluntarily and cheerfully contributed more liberally, both of men and money, for the maintenance of the government, the execution of the laws, and the promotion of the public service.

One member of our congregation, the author of the very charter under which we are associated, and to the day of his death the personal friend of our pastor, has already fallen on the battle field at the head of his regiment. Another, a communicant, having not yet attained his majority, is leading forth a regiment of twelve companies of cavalry; while other members of this church and congregation, by the score, are filling positions in the public service, from that of private to that of quartermaster. Those of our number who remain at home have freely contributed thousands and thousands of dollars for the same purpose.

This congregation are deeply and endearingly devoted to their country, its constitution and liberties. They are willing still to make any sacrifices called for by the exigencies of the times for the speedy restoration of a just and honorable peace, and for the re-establishment of constitutional law and order and the prevalence of general prosperity.

Seventh—Notwithstanding the serious loss sustained by us in the withdrawal of the large and respectable body of our brethren who letely took their certificates of dismission with a view to unite in the formation of a third church in our city, we are still numerically strong, and cordially united in the bonds of Christian fellowship and love among ourselves, and entertain a devoted attachment to our pastor. And notwithstanding the all absorbing excitement occasioned by our national troubles, and the trials through which, as a congregation, we have been called to pass, we have had encouraging manifestations of God's favor in the number of additions to our list of communicants—more than fifty persons, several on examination and others on certificate, having been added since the commencement of the present calendar year.

And although now we may be peculiarly weak, yet remembering that "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are; that no flesh should glory in his presence"—we are strong in the belief that He will own and bless our feeble efforts to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom.

Holding to the doctrines and form of worship of the Presbyterian Church—cordially united in the bonds of Christian fellowship and affection among ourselves—wishing well to and fervently praying for the success of all sister churches—attached by the strongest ties to our venerated and loved pastor, with striking manifestations of our Heavenly Father's favor to us in adding to our numbers, we respectfully solicit the Presbytery to leave our pastoral relation undisturbed.

Eighth. We further beg leave to say that the late action of Presbytery recommending to our Pastor to cease the exercise of his office among us, and advising the return of the minority who lately left us, will not, in our opinion, prove a useful measure, as your body intended it should. On the contrary, should it be carried out, we think it will tend to disorganize and dissipate this now useful and growing congregation; while at the same time it will inflict mortification and disappointment on those who do not deserve it, and pecuniary loss upon many among us, and especially upon those who have made great sacrifices to comply with the mode of pecuniary settlement sanctioned by the Presbytery.

Ninth—The course of action had by the Presbytery towards our beloved pastor does, as we think, greatly endanger the principles of personal and religious freedom. Previous to the meeting on the 2d instant, the Rev. Doctor McAboy said in his place in Presbytery that Dr. Plumer had been twice virtually put upon trial, although no charges had been formally preferred against him. The late action of Presbytery certainly falls under the same category.

It is with grief, surprise and astonishment we find that Presbytery, without notice to Dr. Plumer, in his absence, and without the presence of any elder or representative of the church, has deliberately adopted a statement founded only upon *repute*. No evidence was offered to your venerable body. None was sought by it. It is true Presbytery only "recommended to him to cease from the exercise of his pastoral office in the Central Church until his fame was cleared," &c.,&c. But every one knows that to our pastor such recommendation has all the force of law. On being informed of the action of Presbytery, Doctor Plumer immediately suspended his pastoral labors, and has withdrawn from serving the congregation. Thus he is, in effect, charged, tried and judged in a matter involving not only our comfort and edification, but also his honor and ministerial usefulness, without a hearing and without evidence.

Surely this is not the boasted liberty of the Presbyterian Church. No man, so far as we know, has ventured to allege against our pastor one word or one act that, by any fair construction, could impeach his fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the land in which we live. Yet Presbytery says "the reputed disloyalty of Dr. Plumer has brought reproach upon our denomination, and so has impaired our usefulness in the community." But Dr. Plumer cannot, in any wise, be accountable for this, unless he is guilty of some wrong against the government of the country. We do not remember ever to have seen an account of proceedings better suited to engender alarm in the public mind. No proof is offered. Mere inferences from assumed premises are presented.

If so great and serious public consequences as are intimated in the action of Presbytery should follow from the course of Dr. Plumer, it certainly would be very remarkable. He is an aged, pious, meek and lowly minister of the gospel. He confines himself very closely to his official dnties. He has neither said nor published one word calculated, in any way, to excite other than dutiful and kindly feelings; and on matters now agitating the public mind he has left them to the management of those who, in the Providence of God, are charged with them. No "sayings or doings" of his, in the house of God or elsewhere, have ever tended to strengthen the hands of any wrong doer.

We state, then, that the reputation of our pastor, without the forms of proceeding approved by the Presbyterian Church, without charges, without proof, without his presence, or the presence of any one to act for him, has been impaired by the action of Presbytery. Moreover Presbytery, not content with merely giving him private notice of their action, has, by a committee, published it in several newspapers, and thus spread it over the whole country. These things being so, we see not what safety for reputation, or religious freedom, is left to us. Under ordinary circumstances, even considerable irregularities of action might be passed over in silence. But in the present feverish state of the public mind, the reproach thus cast upon our pastor will, by many thoughtless people, be pronounced just. New phases and new versions of the charges, all tending to magnify rather than diminish their enormity, are of constant occurrence, so that it may well be said that, in this case, to charge is to convict, and to convict is to punish. We have, hitherto, reposed in the belief that when justice has fled from every other human tribunal, its sanctuary will be in the House of God, and our judges, God's faithful and impartial ministers, and those helps and governments usually called ruling elders.

As to the idea that the course of our pastor tends to prolong the horrors of insurrection, and to delay the return of peace, order and prosperity to our country, we cannot imagine how such, in the slightest degree, should be the result of the quiet, unobtrusive conduct of an humble, laborious minister of Christ, who lives for the good of all around him, and weeps over the sins and miseries of his nation, and continually cries to God to have mercy on us all.

But it is alleged by Presbytery that our pastor declined voting for certain resolutions brought forward at the July meeting of your venerable body. This is true.—But what were the circumstances under which he acted? They were such as these. At the next preceding meeting he had voted for certain resolutions brought forward by a committee of five, having Dr. Swift for chairman. Immediately his candor and uprightness were assailed. He then informed his friends that, until the public temper should change, he should decline voting on any such matters, *in thesi*, keeping silence. When the resolutions were offered at the July meeting, our pastor distinctly stated this ground of his declining to vote on them. It was also then suspected, and time has shown the correctness of these suspicions, that those resolutions were designed as a *test*. This is manifest from the very language of Presbytery at its late meeting, viz: "Dr. Plumer refused to vote for the resolutions offered at the close of the last meeting of Presbytery." Ministers and all other officers in the Presbyterian Church are subject to the following test, viz: God's Word and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church. And all citizens are subject to the test of honest living and of obedience to the Constitution and laws of the land. If these condemn them not, their standing is good. But in our judgment it is simply monstrous that any set of resolutions or principles, not sent down to the Presbyteries for their approval, should by any church court be foisted into the dignity of standards by which character is to be judged, however worthy the author of them may be, or however seriously a Presbytery may embrace them. We do, therefore, see nothing disloyal, but only manly firmness, in any one who declines to vote for new *tests*. The history of tyranny shows what instruments of cruelty such tests have often become. Nor is this all. It was suspected, and has since been avowed in the public prints, (see Pittsburgh *Gazette* of July 11th, 1862,) by the author of said resolutions, that "the last of these resolutions was intended directly to condemn Dr. Plumer's course," and yet in the same sentence he admits that the Doctor "was not *on trial.*" Was it ever heard of before that a member of a body was to be censured or condemned for not voting for or against a resolution which "was intended directly to condemn his course" or his person? Nor is this all. The utmost that can be alleged against our pastor is *non-action.* He did not vote at all. Has it come to this, that members of our Church courts are to be counted as worthy of censure for not voting on propositions sprung upon them at 11 o'clock at night, "after a weary session of thirteen hours, interrupted only by a short interval?"

In the General Assembly of 1861, sixty-six ministers and elders from New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, &c., &c., voted *against* the resolutions adopted by the Assembly on the state of the country. Among these are some of the most honored men in America. Many of these entered dissents or protests, and then wrote with all their might against such action. Yet whoever thought of recommending to them to cease their ministerial work, or to resign their offices as elders because of their strong opposition to the aforesaid measure? Yet our pastor not for opposing, but for not supporting a series of resolutions, is to be suspected, censured, published to the world as of doubtful good morals respecting his government. Where is the freedom of deliberative bodies, if on any proposition submitted any member may not vote as in his judgment is most wise, most seasonable, and most edifying to the church of Christ?

In conclusion, we specifically state,

1st. That we waive the right of formal citation of our congregation from the Presbytery in relation to the proffered resignation of our pastor. Our people have had sufficient notice to take proper action. We ask the Presbytery, therefore, at its present sessions definitively to settle the matter in hand. We long for peace, and the uninterrupted enjoyment of the ministry of our choice.

2d. We ask that this, our remonstrance, may be inserted in the permanent records of the Presbytery.

3d. We ask that as commissioners from the Central Presbyterian Church we may, at the proper time, be heard before Presbytery in explanation and vindication of this our REMONSTRANCE.

Th. Irwin, James Donnell,
W. D. Riddle, S. B. Manning,
Alex. Black, S. S. Bryan,
Wm. Semple, Wm. B. Smith,
W. W. Martin, Wm. H. Forsyth.

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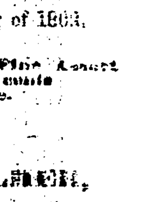

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