

The Mutual Council Arrangements Broken Off.

BECHER ON STORRS AND BUDINGTON

He Will Not Put His Life in Peril at a Tribunal in Which They Are Judges and Jury.

AN APPEAL TO A HIGHER COURT.

Mr. Van Cott's Argument on the Exclusion of the Brooklyn Churches.

It is no novel sight to behold the lecture room of Plymouth church crowded on a Friday evening, but last night there was an air of expectation and an air of expectancy that was not to be seen in any other assembly that crowded to the platform to witness the intense interest felt in the anticipated proceedings.

Mr. Beecher rose and commenced, deliberately at first, his references to the troubles through which he has passed within the last few years, the attention of all grew more and more profound. As he grew more fervent in his remarks the audience became excited and sympathetic, and his speech was at times checked by the uncontrollable sobs of his hearers.

Mr. Beecher rose and said:—I think it wrong to speak of persons and churches as Mr. Raymond has done. In the first place, I don't think it right to say that the Church of the Pilgrims or the Clinton avenue church have done so and so, because I don't think the voice of those churches fairly expressed has ever been taken from 1874 to this hour.

Both men belong to the same category, and measuring them as men and as ministers, I think they measure amply well. I will not undertake to say much about how they have behaved to strive against in their own cases, but I will say that I believe both those men have always acted with their own consciences just as I should have done.

My dear Beecher, I hear from different quarters that scandalous and annoying publications have been made about you. If they are such as to trouble you and I can at any time do anything to relieve you, let me hear from you.

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and stand faithfully to him with almost the world before him—how is he able to stand all this pressure if it is not that God is with him and he is right? (Applause.)

Mr. Beecher went on to answer objections made by Judge Van Cott. In reply to the argument that he should be reinstated with Mrs. Moulton for not attending church in 1874, he said:—I have been reinstated with her on several occasions, and he referred to the many times that he had been reinstated with her on different occasions, and he referred to the many times that he had been reinstated with her on different occasions.

The following report proves that the projected mutual council will not take place, and details the reasons for stopping that event:—

The first church named by Mr. Van Cott being the Broadway Tabernacle, of New York City, he was at once informed that the committee had resolved not to include that church, deeming it unwise to involve local churches in a controversy exciting so much local feeling.

Mr. Van Cott wrote a similar letter on his part, omitting, however, to express in any obligation of confidence to either party, and the committee on the other side accordingly called a church meeting for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed invitation should be accepted.

On Friday evening, January 7, the committee again met. Mr. Van Cott at his house, when some changes were agreed to in the list of churches, but the committee on the other side refused to accept the changes.

Mr. Van Cott's letter on the other side, that Mr. Van Cott asked Plymouth church to withdraw its protest against the admission of local churches into the mutual council, and in the event of its refusal to do so, to protest in turn against the admission of the Orange Valley, N. J.; Berkeley Street, Boston; and the Church of the Pilgrims, New York.

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