

lished statements were carefully read and due weight assigned them. With the exception of his last request, which was for the appointment of a new tribunal to sit in judgment upon his case, all his requests were granted.

*Seventh.* There was no secret trial; indeed, the charge was not denied; the plea of guilty was entered by Mr. Cornelison. The only questions the Elders were called upon to consider were: What is necessary for expiation? What satisfactory proofs can Mr. C. give of sincere repentance? What is the least penalty we can inflict? What can we do to lead Mr. C. to repentance, that we may save him?

*Eighth.* With this object in view, as two Elders were not sitting in the case, it was deemed prudent to call Profs. McGarvey and Graham as advisory counsel, that the decision of the Elders might be strengthened by the concurrent opinion of these distinguished and impartial men. For this purpose only were the gentlemen invited.

*Ninth.* After due consideration, the Elders find in the alleged reason of Mr. Cornelison for the assault (and admitting that Mr. Cornelison believed the statement he made to be true) not the least shadow of an excuse or palliation.

*Tenth.* And they find in him no evidence of that repentance which they deem necessary.

*Eleventh.* And, therefore, without partiality or prejudice, and in the fear of God, we announce to you that in consideration of the indefensible assault upon Judge Reid by John J. Cornelison, and because John J. Cornelison does not express true repentance for the same, the fellowship of the church is withdrawn from him, and he is no longer a member of this congregation.

And, further, we ask all who dissent from this decision to make their objection known to the Elders, and if any have even yet any new evidence that will modify this decision, the Elders will receive it, consider it, and if need be, act upon it.

The pastor, Elder H. R. Trickett, who, by the way, was not invited, and took no part in the deliberations of the Elders, gratuitously announced that the Elders refused to read the letters sent of May 9 and 11 by Cornelison.

Notwithstanding the deliberation and patience with which the Elders had proceeded in this case, it was charged that Cornelison had been unjustly dealt with. In reference to this an extract is copied from the address of Col. H. L. Stone to the jury, at Cornelison's trial: