

His next of kin were two uncles, both older than himself, both comfortably well off as to "this world's gear." One of them was a member of this church, the other belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, New Jersey.

These two men set on foot legal proceedings to nullify the last will and testament of their nephew, who had lived all his life near neighbor to them, and whom they knew to be a man of far more than ordinary mind and capacity for business.

It was evident, as the case developed, that the uncles were mere "figureheads" in the contest.

That they had permitted themselves to be used by others who were not next of kin to the Testator.

These people, most of whom were cousins to Mr. Lee, many of whom had shared his bounty during his lifetime—these instigators of the attack upon the will of Mr. Lee made their appearance at the Court. (The old men whose names were used as nominal contestants did not appear), and did their utmost to cover with shame and obloquy the life, career and memory of the man whose money they sought to grasp against his wish and will, solemnly expressed.

As the real parties to this shameful scheme, they dragged the vicinity for willing and unwilling witnesses—many of whom were debtors to Mr. Lee—they themselves; some of them became witnesses, and in their own interest swore down the dead man's character, his wishes and his will.

The outcome was that the church became weary of the long and expensive contest against avarice; a compromise was made, and they who had fought so viciously for their kinsman's money, which