

land, for promoting the Religious Interests of the Scottish Presbyterians in the British Colonies.

"Unable, from circumstances, to supply the Colonies with additional ministers, the Committee have not only fulfilled to existing ministers the heavy engagements they had formerly come under to them, but have made various grants of from £20 to £50 each, to deserving and laborious pastors, chiefly in the North American Colonies, who were in necessitous circumstances, and whose flocks, some of them at any period, and others from the recent pressure of the times, are unable fully, or at all, to provide for their comfort. These grants have been confined to those ministers who have declared their firm purpose of maintaining their connection with the parent Church, and have been most thankfully received by them, and the Committee are devising more liberal things in their behalf.

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The General Assembly could not have failed to anticipate that the divisions, which have recently rent the Church at home, would more or less extend to the Colonial Churches, and the anticipation has been realized. The seeds of discord and division have been industriously sown there, and their bitter fruits are now being reaped. The Committee have used every legitimate means in their power to counteract the influence employed to induce ministers and people to forsake the Church of their fathers, and they are thankful to say, with a large measure of success inasmuch that the great body, both of the ministers and their flocks, are, they are persuaded, prepared to adhere to the Establishment. Not a few, however, they have reason to believe are preparing to renounce their connection with it, especially in the North American Colonies. An extraordinary meeting of the Synod of Canada is to be held this month, at which a division is likely to take place. This is, in many views, to be lamented, but the Committee wait the issue with perfect calmness. They regret that the affections and the confidence of any should have been alienated from the Established Church, but it is well that such if, any there be, should leave her pale. They have shunned even the appearance of *bribing* any to remain, but they will not fail to support and encourage all who on principle do so, and to them they must of necessity confine that support and encouragement, from the very terms of trust committed to them.

There are several topics here referred to, which it is impossible to pass over without the severest animadversion, and indeed without real astonishment at the coolness and seeming self complacency with which Dr. MacFarlane and Dr. Grant, who subscribe the Report, have introduced matter too perilous, one would have