

standing, is a *non sequitur*. No Trustees or Managers of any church ever did, or ever could, abolish the pew system, where it previously existed, without the consent of the congregation. And who doubts that the pew system in St. Andrew's Church might be abolished, if the congregation agreed to it, Mr. Johnston among the rest? But what I should like to know is whether in the case of a congregation adopting some other mode of obtaining a revenue than by giving a right of property in pews for a certain sum, any *one* person whose rights were equal to the other members of the Church, could be singled out for *different* treatment from the rest. That is the parallel which we want. But it will be vain to seek it. It really is not a question of the right in *any given pew*, at all; which is at issue, but the right of accommodation, like other worshippers, in the Church. The pews might all be cleared out of St. Andrew's Church, and the people be obliged to accommodate themselves with stools, if they wished to sit during Divine service, as is the case in many continental churches; and the question would be, could the Trustees prevent Mr. Johnston from taking his stool with him to church and occupying such a position of advantage as he might be able to elbow his way to? As it is, the pews cover the whole floor of the church, except the aisles, and unless he got a pew to sit in he could not have a seat in the edifice at all, if he did not bring a stool into one of the aisles at the risk of being knocked down and trampled upon by those entering or leaving the church. It was also attempted to be shown that other persons besides Mr. Johnston have been removed by the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church from the pews they occupied. . But here again there is no parallel. It was always by arrangement with the parties, and because the financial interests of the trust demanded it, that it was done, and they were accommodated with seats *elsewhere* in the Church. And, doubtless, if the Trustees had gone to Mr. Johnston and said, "we cannot give you *this* pew which you occupy, for an-