

tions of the Rev. Dr. Hook gave anything rather than satisfaction to the Queen; and yet she is very soon after subjected to the teachings of an individual whom we verily consider to be in all fundamental points a sound Papist. This surely ought not to be.

But we look on the circumstance with painful interest chiefly as indicating the existence of an anti-Protestant influence near the Throne. The Papists and Jesuits, working with revived zeal everywhere in this kingdom for the furtherance of their soul-destroying dogmas, are labouring, unquestionably, in the highest and most important sphere of all, and are endeavouring with all the assiduity and art which distinguish "the Society of Jesus" to entangle our youthful Sovereign in their ruinous snares. To facilitate this object there could not appear a scheme better conceived than to accusom her Majesty to the instructions of such men as those whom we have named. Whatever they and their friends may think of their principles, the true Papist, equally with the true Protestant, perceives distinctly their affinity, and, in all fundamental particulars, their identity with his own. Not long since a Papish priest, in conversation with an individual than whom none is better known or more highly esteemed by the Christian community, pointed to the principles in question (now germinating in the Church of England,) as essentially those of "the Catholic Church." And so in truth they are. And to the incultation of them ought our youthful Queen to be exposed?

From the Scottish Guardian.

COLONIAL CHURCHES.—An extract of the minutes of a meeting of the General Assembly's Committee on Colonial Churches, held on Tuesday, was laid on the table, and the advice of the Commission on this matter was craved.

The Commission of the General Assembly having heard the Report of the Assembly's Standing Committee on Colonial Churches, and having considered the documents therewith transmitted, approve of the Report and of the resolutions of the Committee.

The following are the resolutions agreed to by the Committee:—

"The Committee having taken into consideration the letter from Sir George Grey to the Convener, of date 10th July, 1838, and accompanying documents, resolve—

"1. That the Presbytery of New South Wales constitutes the only Ecclesiastical Judicatory in that Colony recognized by the Church of Scotland.

"2. That the Church of Scotland gave no authority or sanction to Dr. Lang, or the other persons uniting with him, to assist in re-constituting or re-organizing the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales, which Church they held to be validly constituted in the Presbytery; but, on the contrary, the understanding of the Committee, and of the Assembly, was, that Dr. Lang and the persons who went out with him were to unite with, and submit themselves to, the said Presbytery.

"3. That this Committee strongly condemn the proceedings of Dr. Lang, and those who have united with him in forming the so called Synod of New South Wales, as in violation of Presbyterian order and of the duty incumbent on them, and that while they persevere therein, this Committee must recal and withhold any recommendation formerly given in their favour to Her Majesty's Government.

"4. That with reference to the measures which may be necessary for remedying the grievous evils likely to arise from the proceedings of Dr. Lang and his adherents, the Committee agree to refer the whole matter to the meeting of Commission."

The Commission have learnt, with the deepest sorrow, the proceedings which have recently been adopted in New South Wales by the Rev. Dr. Lang and others, who have most unwarrantably attempted to assume to themselves the character of a Church Judicatory, self-constituted, in disregard of the subsisting ecclesiastical authority in that colony recognized by the Church of Scotland. The Commission find, that the representation which appears to have led to this measure, viz., that this Church had considered the Presbytery of New South Wales to be in a state of disorganization, and had authorized the said Rev. Dr. Lang, and those ministers who accompanied him to that colony, to assist in re-organizing and re-constituting the Presbyterian Church there—is altogether at variance with the fact. They farther find, that if this measure were otherwise justifiable, it would have imported an abandonment, on the part of those adopting it, of the means in their power to correct the very evils of which they complain, and which they allege in vindication of their conduct; but the Commission unanimously condemn these proceedings as in all respects unjustifiable, unwarranted—in violation of Presbyterian discipline and order, and of the duty incumbent on those who have taken part in them, and calculated to be most injurious to the character of the Presbyterian Church, and to the interests of religion, in a colony most important in itself, and in its position, with reference to the multitudes of unconverted heathens in that quarter of the world. The Commission feel confident that those individuals who have been misled into a concurrence in these proceedings will, on due deliberation, see the error of their course, and the Commission expect that the Presbytery of New South Wales—the only judicatory recognized by this Church—while they with all faithfulness follow out those steps which may be necessary for the due enforcement of discipline and strict investigation of all alleged evils within their own body, whereby alone they can maintain their proper character as the judicatory of a Church of Christ, will, with tenderness and affection, readily receive such of their separating brethren as, convinced of their error, may desire to retrace their steps. With a view, in the meantime, to impress upon all parties their duty in this matter, the Commission resolve that a pastoral address to the ministers, elders, and people of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales, in connection with the Church of Scotland, be immediately transmitted; and with reference to those farther measures which may be necessary to redress the evils and heal the differences which have arisen in that colony, and, in particular, in regard to the steps which may require to be taken with respect to those individuals who, holding the status and character of licentiates or ordained ministers of the Church of Scotland, may persevere in refusing to submit themselves to the Church judicatory recognized by this Church, and to which this Church is willing to commit the oversight of such of her ministers and licentiates as may be settled in New South Wales, the Commission resolve to appoint a Committee to report thereon to the meeting of Commission in November, and to make such preparation as they may see fit for enabling the Commission to carry into immediate execution the measures recommended by them, should these then be approved. In conclusion, the Commission express their high satisfaction at observing the resolution of the Colonial Government of New South Wales, to enforce the condition adopted by the Legislature of that colony in regard to the provision for