

connection with the Synod of New Brunswick, (from some cause not explained), and then deposed from the office of the ministry by the Presbytery there. Mr. Candlish explained, that the Church of Scotland could not review the first sentence, as it was the act of an independent body, with which they could not interfere; but he thought that the second sentence was erroneous, because, by the first he was placed completely beyond their jurisdiction, and his subsequent conduct fell under the cognizance of the Presbytery that ordained him—the Presbytery of Edinburgh. He should, therefore, have, that the Assembly cannot review the sentence of a Colonial Church Court, in reference to a minister ordained and licensed by this Church, while he holds a church in the colonies, and is subject to their jurisdiction; but, if from any cause that connection is brought to an end, he then reverts back under the cognizance and jurisdiction of the Courts of this Church. They also find, that no congregation in the colonies can be recognised by this Church, which is not in connection with the Colonial Church, Courts. They find, further, that if Mr. Andrew contravene the sentence of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, regarding his deposition, it will be the duty of the Presbytery of Edinburgh to proceed against him according to the laws of the Church.

This motion was then agreed to, and the Assembly adjourned at half-past ten o'clock.

Extracts from the letter of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the British Colonies, in connection with the Church of Scotland, dated May 23rd, 1840.

In regard to those of our countrymen, however, who have settled in the colonial possessions and dependencies of Great Britain, it is a satisfaction to us to know, that, to a certain extent, at least, the blessings of a Gospel ministry are enjoyed—that there are many faithful servants of the Lord Jesus labouring among their fellow-countrymen in word and ordinances—and that, in the more important of our Colonies, a platform has been erected for giving full effect to all the excellencies of the Presbyterian system. We watched with much interest over the formation of ecclesiastical judicatories in the Colonial settlements; and from the time of their establishment, we have had the happiness, in almost every instance, of marking an improvement in every thing connected with the religious condition of the Presbyterian settlers from Scotland.

To the Colonial Churches which have been thus organized, we feel that the spiritual interests of the Scottish population may safely be entrusted—that they no longer require our direct interference—and that, whatever benefits we wish to communicate, may be best conveyed through the office-bearers of the different

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