

rial usage, founded on broad principles of justice, your memorialists see the confusion into which the whole of the question now before the Presbytery has been thrown, and they think they can descry a long series of perplexing difficulties, from which the St. Andrew's congregation may find it impossible to extricate themselves, unless the Presbytery of London should see fit to retrace its steps and pursue a course more consistent with the best interests of the congregation, more conducive to the ends of justice, and more in harmony with the laws and practise of the Church.

That these anticipated evils are by no means imaginary, but that they are positive dangers threatening the very existence of the congregation, must be patent to every one cognisant of the chain of circumstances preceding the introduction of Thomas Kydd's complaint to the Synod. It was presented in the name of a person who, although formerly a member and an elder of St. Andrew's Church, had practically ceased to be a member of the Church so far back as the year 1857, who had voluntarily, and by writing under his own hand, addressed to the Kirk Session, resigned the office of the eldership in 1857, and again in 1858, who had accompanied his resignation of the eldership, with a written announcement of his withdrawal from all connexion with the congregation; who, as well before as since his retirement and separation from the congregation, to avow his determination to allow them no repose, and to relax in no effort to disturb their peace and harmony, until they should abandon their present minister.

Again the memorial complains of matters alleged to have transpired more than four years previous to its presentation, some of which had already been disposed of by a Presbytery visitation, and therefore could not competently be again made the subject of adjudication; it offered no reason or justification for the delay that had taken place in bringing up such matters for investigation. It complained of a deliverance made by the Presbytery in the year 1868, while by the express laws of the Church, appeal in all such cases, must be made immediately, or with all possible despatch, after the deliverance complained of; and, above all, the complaint was presented by a person not only in communion with the Church, but whose moral character and principles are not such as would entitle him to be heard in any Church court.

The memorial so presented was accompanied with a long separate statement of wrongs and grievances, alleged to have been inflicted on the complainant by the Presbytery, by the minister of St. Andrew's Church congregation, and indeed by many individuals, who are not and never were connected with that congregation. And in that supplementary statement reference is made to a pamphlet, printed and circulated by the memorialist himself, and containing a mass of calumnies, criminations, and recriminations against every person whose acquaintance he seems even to have formed, with confessions of his own guilt, which, if they can be credited, even from his own mouth and his own pen, would contain abundant evidence of his absolute unfitness for being recognised as a reputable member of any Christian congregation.

The memorial, which is of no great length, was the only part of his case that was read to the Synod. The supplementary matter, whether written or printed, was not read or even adverted to in the Synod. It was first opened to the Presbytery of London in the month of September last, where it was, for the first time, read and laid on the table. Your memorialists cannot but regard it as unfortunate that these supplementary papers did not receive the consideration of the Synod, for, scandalous and unfounded as the greater