

communien, were to brood mischief and keep alive dissension. Such disagreements and estrangements having ceased to operate almost immediately after the retirement of these disaffected individuals from the Church; and, although the recent irregular action of the Presbytery has given to these disagreements and estrangements the aspect of existing evils, and then forced upon our minister the apparent necessity for retiring from his charge, yet the present harmony and increasing strength of the congregation is susceptible of direct proof; and your memorialists believe that were they to concur in the resignation of their minister, and the other action of the Presbytery, such concurrence would speedily have the effect of shutting the door of St. Andrew's Church, and would be the signal of their dissolution as a congregation.

Under the whole circumstances, your memorialists humbly pray that this Presbytery may so reconsider their proceedings in the matter of Thomas Kidd's memorial, and the resignation of their minister, as to have the effect of averting a calamity which the whole Church may have reason to deplore. In offering their remonstrance to this Reverend court, on the consequences of the action recently taken by them, we may have been betrayed by our excited feelings into expressions too warm for supplicants at your bar, but we trust that we may not be charged with intentional disrespect, or with any desire to give any offence to the court.

We have felt it proper to appear before you in the attitude of firmness, and with the language of warning and expostulation, but our hearts have been at the same time filled with reverential and dutiful obligations to this as one of the high courts of the church, placed immediately over us, and with prayer that the giver of all good, may so direct your counsel and proceedings, and that your future action may avert the calamities which now threaten this congregation.

On the 14th September Mr. MacKid received the following letter:

LONDON, Sept. 13th, 1861.

MY DEAR MACKID.—I am afraid the Presbytery made an omission in accepting your resignation last Friday, by not summoning the congregation to appear in their own interest before it was accepted. The circumstances were indeed peculiar, the congregation being under examination at the very time. But it may be well to rectify every mistake, and after consulting the Moderator and others of the Presbytery, I have to request that you will call at the close of the service on Sabbath first, a public meeting of the congregation, in order to obtain their concurrence in the resignation; and also, that they may appoint a committee to make arrangements for the supply of the pulpit—the meeting to be on which ever night you deem most suitable. Be so good as to request a full attendance.

Instead of obeying the above request, Mr. MacKid read the letter to the congregation, and stated that if those present chose they might remain after the benediction was pronounced and appoint a day, or take any other step they might deem advisable.—