

Marshall, we allow, was rather too keen and dogmatical in pushing his libel without personal intercourse or correspondence with Dr. Brown, and he surely erred in giving premature publicity to his own sentiments as opposed to those of the Professor. Dr. Marshall was unsuccessful here. It was not the work for which God had best qualified him. He is one, however, whose memory will be cherished with respect and gratitude by our Church, as having been the great and successful leader in the Voluntary Question. This controversy was his fort. Here he had the ease of mastery, and the triumphs of a champion, whom none could challenge with success. This was the work God assigned to him, in which He stood by him, and enabled him to commence a new and prosperous era for the Church; and on this work, with its results, whether past or future, his fame will permanently and deservedly rest. As, in his case, it sometimes happens, that when the special work which God intends by the instruments he employs is actually accomplished, these instruments are laid aside.

Of Dr. Brown none can speak too highly. He has always been a pillar and an ornament to our Church, and we trust he will be long spared to be the honored instrument of varied and extensive good. The writer, however, is not to be understood as homologating all his sentiments. He has endeavored only to give a brief and impartial view of the case as it was conducted by the Synod.

We now leave this part of our subject by presenting the conclusion of the whole matter, which was peaceful and pleasant, and which, we trust, has put a final period to doctrinal agitation in our Church.

James Peddie, Esq., Writer to the Signet, rose and said,—“I think there cannot be a doubt, that now when we have gone through all the counts, and given deliverances on each, we must pronounce a general deliverance, finally disposing of the case.” Mr. Peddie, in concluding, read a motion as follows:—

“The Synod, on a review of its deliberations and decisions during this and the last six Sederunts, finds, that all the charges made against Dr. Brown have been disposed of, being severally declared to be unfounded: and that there exists no ground even for suspicion that he holds, or has ever held, any opinion, on the points under review, inconsistent with the Word of God, or the subordinate Standards of this Church. The Synod therefore dismisses the libel; and while it sincerely sympathizes with Dr. Brown in the unpleasant and painful circumstances in which he has been placed, it renews the expression of confidence in him given at last meeting, and entertains the hope that the issue of this cause has been such as will, by the blessing of God, restore peace and confidence throughout the Church, and terminate the unhappy controversy that has so long agitated it.”

Mr. Peddie's motion was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Kidston, the venerable father of the Synod, then rose and said,—“Were I to express what I have thought and felt on this subject, I should occupy by far too much time. I shall only state, in a few words, that although, under considerable frailty and affliction, I have attended this Court pretty regularly, and given all the attention in my power to the discussions which have been going on, I must say that I never suspected Dr. Brown to hold doctrines inconsistent with the Bible and the symbolical