

All agreed that the Mosaic Law is of permanent obligation, but *only three* denied the sufficiency of the Scriptural warrant for the teaching of the Confession, and recommended that no discipline should be exercised on offenders. At the meeting of the Committee it was alleged that a minority report would not be received by the Assembly, and therefore a minority report was not prepared. The report, however, for which three members of the Committee voted, contains a brief statement of the arguments for and against the position of the Westminster Confession.

The report was sent for consideration to the Presbyteries in accordance with the following motion: "That the Assembly, *without committing itself to the conclusions of the report*, send it down to Presbyteries for their consideration, with instructions to report to next Assembly." The report has been brought before many of the Presbyteries, but in few does it seem to have been carefully considered. Some have decided without discussion. In scarcely any has attention been given to the question of marriage with a wife's aunt or niece, which has never been seriously discussed in the Courts of our Church. Some Presbyteries which, apparently without serious consideration, have decided in favour of the conclusions of the Committee may possibly have been influenced by its report, on the supposition that its members were numerous and unanimous, and in ignorance of the fact that only five were present at its meetings and that only three, including the chairman, favoured the opinion that the article in the Confession was not sufficiently supported by Scripture, and the recommendation that discipline should not be exercised in regard to marriage with a wife's sister, aunt or niece.

It is possible, also, that some members of Presbyteries, as well as the public generally, have been, to some extent, influenced by the misleading statements of the numerous pamphlets and leaflets with which the country has been