

Mahomedanism or Pag nism. We may well rejoice that the church is not dependant upon the State, otherwise all these systems would respectively become popular. Perhaps all the persecutions that the church has ever suffered have not done as much harm to the church as the corruptions introduced by the system of State patronage introduced by Constantine.

3. The church is not dependant on the force of arms. These may be necessary for the support of human kingdoms, but they are absolutely unlawful, for promoting Christ's kingdom. Peter drew a sword in his master's name, but only to receive the reproof "Put up thy sword in its place for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Not only so, but the church defies the power of the State to destroy it. The Waldenses maintained their existence as a people and the purity of worship for centuries in spite of every attempt to destroy them.

4. The Church is not dependant on the wisdom of human legislative enactments. Human kingdom may depend upon wise human legislation. But the legislation for the Church has been completed. And now she has only to obey the laws given by the great head.

5. The Church is not dependant upon the wisdom, learning, and eloquence of its friends. These may be useful, but they are not necessary. God raises up men, highly gratified in these respects, and then something removes them suddenly, to teach that his cause is not dependant upon them, that he can raise up what he can carry on his work without them. He does employ a Paul in learning, and an Appollos in eloquence, but these are the exceptions. "Not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound things that are mighty," &c.

The preacher then proceeded to the general head of his subject to consider on what the church was dependant. The answer was in the words of the text, "By my spirit, saith the Lord." The spirit calls every member of the church out of darkness into light, and carries on the work in him till he arrives at the measure of the stature of the perfect man in Christ Jesus. It is by

the spirit that all servants of God are qualified for their office and work. The same spirit can change the bitterest opponent into a friend, as it did Paul. The preacher here gave a most eloquent description of Satan's kingdom assailed by the church, and pointing out that the animating cause of all the assailants was the influence of the spirit upon their hearts.

The discourse was concluded with three inferences, as follows: 1. Necessity in our work as ministers of constant reliance upon the power of the spirit. 2. The necessity of earnest prayer for the spirit. He has promised to give his spirit liberally, "as the rain upon the mown grass," but he says, "For all these things will I be enquired of to do them for you." 3. The certainty and security of the church. The cause is not man's but God's.

After sermon the synod was constituted by prayer, and the roll made up when it appeared that two additions were made since the last meeting of synod, viz., the Rev Thomas Sedgewick ordained at Tatamagouche and the Rev. Jacob McLellan, ordained as colleague and successor to the Rev. Mr. Crowe at Maitland. The attendance of ministers and Elders was unusually large.

The whole of the remaining part of the day was occupied with business. The first item was an appeal by a member of the congregation of Papal Grove Church, Halifax, against a deed of the Halifax Presbytery, but the appellant having failed to make any appearance the appeal was dismissed. Reports were received from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Seminary Board, and the Colportage Committee of their operations since the last meeting of synod, but they contained little of interest that has not already appeared in our columns. The Committee on Union gave in their report of arrangements, which after some discussion on some points was adopted. After settling some less important matters connected with the closing of its business as a separate body, the synod adjourned till the following morning.

An important part of their business we must bring under the notice of our readers. From the Report of the Foreign Mission Board, it appeared that the London Missionary Society had charged £60 stg. for the board of Mr Geddies's children in the *John Williams*,