

That in none of the items of complaint, had Mr. Ryan any occasion for grievance, with the exception of the 3d., where Mr. Madison was allowed to be present (though he neither spoke nor voted) while the Conference were making up their decision.*

The Committee further reported on the "Circular," which report as amended and adopted by the Conference was to this effect.—That they had carefully examined the late Circular signed "A lover of truth," and found it to be in their opinion, an attempt to degrade the character of the Conference, in the minds of the Brethren and the public in general—that its tendency is to alienate the affections of the Brethren from their Ministers, and to sow discord and divisions in the Church.—That the circular contains false insinuations and uncharitable reflections, particularly in the following instances.

1. In charging the Salt-Lake Conference of 1825, with being guilty of "partiality."

2d. In charging the Bishop with exercising arbitrary power.

3d. By asserting that the Conference of 1826 resolved that the first circular contained false statements "without the least shadow of proof."

4. By representing that the Conference were doubtful of their own acts, &c.

5. In representing that the Conference "Sent their resolutions by the hand of those men whose iniquity it was designed to cover," &c.

The examination of Mr. Ryan's character being resumed, Mr. Case arose and said he could not feel that he had discharged his duty to the people among whom he laboured, without mentioning the late circular, signed "A lover of Truth," and which had occasioned so much ill will in several parts of his charge—that it was the belief of many that Mr. Ryan was concerned in its publication. This was his own impression. He considered the contents of that circular highly reprehensible. He thought if Mr. Ryan was concerned in it, he ought to be accountable therefor; but if innocent, the proof of his innocence would remove suspicion. But so long as such things were allowed of, there would be no end of troubles in the Church.—There should be a check to conduct so unchristian, and calculated to do so much evil to society.

Some observations were then made, that the accused should have previous notice. Mr. Case explained. He said that some of the circumstances had come to his knowledge since the sitting of the Conference. He had expected that the subject would have been further examined by the Committee, and so have been relieved from the painful duty of introducing it to the Conference. But as this had not been done, he felt it his duty to mention it.

To obviate any inconvenience to Mr. Ryan, it was proposed that the affair might be hereafter examined by a Committee. But to

* See page 5.