

tain, intercourse was in a great measure interrupted between the General Associate Synod and their Missionaries in the United States. After the declaration of Independence, the American brethren seemed to have become jealous of their friends in Scotland having much control over their ecclesiastical proceedings. Correspondence, however, was resumed, and articles drawn up on which it was to be maintained. Missionaries were again from time to time sent; but the tie of connexion was never felt to be so close as before. At length, with a Theological Seminary of their own, they were less dependant on supplies from home; and their Church increased in extent and influence till it formed a flourishing Synod with many Presbyteries under their inspection.

We may here notice the death of the venerable Adam Gib, of Edinburgh, which took place on the 18th of June, 1788. He was in the 75th year of his age, and 48th of his ministry. He had been all along closely identified with this branch of the Secession. He possessed a vigorous mind, and much energy of character. His views were liberal—far before the times in which he lived; and yet on some points he retained all the denominational rigour which was then common. He might, indeed, be regarded as the champion of the Anti-burgher Synod, “the Defender of the Faith,” in regard to their peculiar principles. His celebrated *DISPLAY*, in two volumes, gives a full account of the origin of the Secession; and the unhappy controversy about the Burgess Oath is detailed with seriousness and faithfulness, in all its bearings and results. Mr. Gib seems quite in his element in handling the particulars of this mournful occurrence; but he does it with solemnity, arising from the deep conviction which he entertained, that the separating brethren, as he called them, had fallen from the Testimony, and had forfeited all claim to be considered the Associate Synod. He continued true to his convictions as long as he lived; and yet, with all his perfect satisfaction with the peculiarities of his own denomination, he was far from being a bigot, and could associate with those of other denominations on terms of intimacy and friendship. His piety was genuine and elevated; his whole life was spent in the service of his great Master; and at every stage of his life, he prosecuted his ministerial work with indefatigable diligence and zeal.

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## Reviews of Books.

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MACLEAR & Co.'S CANADIAN ALMANAC FOR 1856. 8vo, pp. 86. Toronto, Maclear & Co.

It may be enough to say of this issue, that it resembles very much its predecessors, which have secured a high character for fulness and accuracy of information respecting the Provinces. We know of no publication which, in that respect, comes into competition with it.

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THE DEAD IN CHRIST: THEIR STATE, PRESENT AND FUTURE. By JOHN BROWN, D.D., Edinburgh. 12mo, pp. 174. New York, Carters Brothers; Hamilton, C.W., D. McLellan, 1855.

The immediate occasion of the publication of this little volume was the death, in 1852, of the Author's Mother-in-law, Mrs. Crum, of Thornliebank, granddaughter of the Rev. James Fisher, and great-granddaughter