

who was not a member of the church, as *particeps criminis*.

2. That he had done so without any authority or acknowledgment from her son.

3. That her son was represented as having committed a crime worse than the most atrocious murder.

The above being read to Mrs. Clarke, she declares that it is a full statement of her original grievance.

Mr. Ritchie being called upon, stated that, in rebuking Mary Anderson he made use of what he considered the common form in such cases. That he announced the case to the congregation in the terms of her (Mary Anderson's) confession, i. e. that she confessed the sin of fornication with James Clarke. Farther, that in his address to the congregation he endeavoured to point out the aggravated nature of this sin; that he quoted a passage or passages of the word of God in which this sin is classed with other sins, and amongst the rest, with murder. That, though not distinctly recollecting what he said, he thinks that he may have used such expressions as the following, viz.—That the sin was distinguished from other sins, inasmuch as more than one individual was implicated, and that in some respects it may be said to be worse than murder. Farther, That at the same time he rebuked another woman for the same sin, and that they were both addressed in the same language.

Mrs. Clarke being asked if she heard the rebuke, stated that being sick she was not present.

Parties being heard were removed.

The Synod proceeded to deliberate in the case.

On motion of Mr. Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Torrance, ordered: That the petition presented as No. 7 by the Committee of Bills and Overtures being a petition from the Congregation of Goderich on Finance be remitted to the Presbytery of London for transmission to the Treasurer of the Synod's grant.

Goderich petition.

Adjourned to meet here at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.