

commissioners, for an object so interesting and desirable, and to act in the matter as they shall deem most conducive to that end, and consistent with the honour and edification of this Church. And the Synod farther direct the attention of Presbyteries to this matter, that they may take such steps as they deem best.

The above motion was unanimously adopted and a numerous Committee was forthwith appointed.

We must confess, says the Presbyterian Banner of Nova Scotia, that we have risen from the perusal of the proceedings of the Synod with feelings of a somewhat painful nature. We are afraid that the contagion of the Morrisonian heresy has spread more widely within her pale than many of her friends are willing to believe. But the wholesome discipline which she is exercising, and her obedience to the injunction of the Great Head of the Church, "put away from among yourselves that wicked person," affords gratifying proof of her faithfulness. We trust she will long continue "to rule with God, and be faithful with the Saints."

**On Voluntaryism in connexion with Christianity regarded as a
System of Moral Government.**

It is remarkable, even as a matter of philosophical speculation, that Christianity, when emancipated from the bondage of Judaism, its CHRYSALIS state, left behind it, with the husk of its former self, every trace of those temporal sanctions which thoroughly encased the earlier system. Springing out of an economy avowedly temporary and local—an economy which nevertheless contained, mysteriously folded up within it, all the elementary principles which, since its transformation, have become developed—it spread its beauteous wings, if we may thus pursue the figure, without effort, and entered, without a single remnant of its former earthliness, upon that wider and more ethereal sphere of influence and exertion in which, until this day, it has its home. It moves in another element altogether. It retains none of the characteristics which, however well suited to the stage of its imperfect organisation, are out of keeping with its maturity.

Regarded as a scheme of moral administration, it has merged the temporal in the eternal. The rod which hung up over the mantel piece is removed—the playthings and prizes which, in the infancy of human nature, tempted and rewarded obedience are put aside. Christianity knows nothing of them. Its rule is of an entirely different order. The whip does not immediately revenge the offence—the larger mass of potage is not now the reward set before the compliant. No! Human