

of finding a Curate of whom he could approve. I know other cases where the same difficulty has been found. The next generation of the Apostolical Succession in England promises to be miserably degenerate, even from the present one. Almost all the young Clergy are on the side of the error. We may well say, with the Psalmist, "Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth, and the faithful fail out of the land." Even now the position of the few witnesses for the truth is an unenviable one. So long as the questions now agitating the Church of England were more in the background, good men were able to go through their duties without the strict soundness of their orthodoxy, according to the standards of the Church, being challenged. But, since the errors and deficiencies of these standards have been brought prominently into notice, the Evangelical Clergy are exposed to just contempt, both from consistent Churchmen and Dissenters, for the evasions and perversions which are requisite in reconciling their views with the words of the formularies. Those who are honest enough to protest against the errors of these Standards, are not likely to remain long unmolested. Two thousand faithful servants of Christ refused to submit to the last trial of this sort, when principles identical with Puseyism prevailed in England. How many witnesses for the faith once delivered to the saints will appear among the Anglican Clergy when the next Act of Conformity goes forth?

#### THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

The Synod of Aberdeen has pronounced the sentence of the General Assembly suspending the Rev. Mr. Cushney and others, for receiving ordinances at the hands of the deposed Strathbogie clergymen, incompetent and illegal, and admitted these gentlemen to the roll. Nay more, it has received as a constituent member, the Rev. Mr. Middleton, of Culsamond, who was deprived of his *status* by the Assembly; and found, that the Assembly, in thus dealing with Mr. Middleton, was acting *ultra vires* of its jurisdiction! The Synod is the Church Court, in connexion with the Church of Scotland, next in order to the General Assembly; and the present is, we believe, the only instance in which the highest inferior Court of that Church has placed itself in direct opposition to the sentence of its supreme judicatory. The majority of the Presbytery of Strathbogie were deposed because they took on trials, and, on finding him qualified, ordained, the Presentee to the church and parish of Marnoch, in obedience to the injunctions of the Civil Court. What will be done to those eighty-one Ministers and Elders, who of their own accord trample under foot the solemn sentence of the Assembly as a thing of nought? The majority of the Church have been threatening to carry their depositions farther out, for some time; but now, there is no alternative but deposition for the whole of these men. The Moderates

of Aberdeenshire well nigh swamped the Covenanters of former days—they seem determined to overthrow the Evangelicals of the present hour. The Church of Scotland was reeling from the effects of the blow given her by the decision of the House of Lords in the Auchterarder case. The Synod of Aberdeen has virtually crushed her in the dust.

Thus the Synod of Aberdeen has set itself in direct opposition to the Judgment of the General Assembly, in the Culsamond and other cases of ecclesiastical suspension and deposition. The finding of the Synod was in these terms:—

"That, in reference to the Rev. Messrs. Cushney, Robertson, and Peter, the Synod deeming it to have been incompetent and unconstitutional, on the part of the Assembly, under the circumstances, to pass such sentence, refuse to give effect to it; and that, in respect to Mr. Middleton, the Synod being of opinion that the whole objections regularly brought forward against his settlement as minister of Culsamond were based on an illegal Act (commonly called the Veto Act), it being known to them that Mr. Middleton has applied for, and obtained, from the Court of Session, a sentence of suspension and interdict, in like manner refuse to give effect to the Assembly's sentence; and, therefore, that the names of said ministers be continued on the roll."—*Patriot*.

**PUSEYISM IN INDIA.**—The Puseyite party in England, it seems, have obtained control of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts."

"They teach the natives," says the Secretary of the Bengal Auxiliary to the London Missionary Society, "that no missionaries are valid but those of clergymen episcopally ordained. They are now disturbing the minds of the native Christians by openly declaring that the missionaries of the London Society are not ministers, and that the ordinances of religion as performed by them are not valid; added to which, the Propagation Society's missionaries have lately forbidden the members of their congregation to intermarry with the families of those who are members of our congregations, by which means, not only is the peace of the Church destroyed, but also domestic harmony. *The heathens residing in those parts now declare that among Christians, caste is being established, as amongst themselves.*

The following quotation from a printed Bengali tract, circulated among the native Christians, will show to what a height these advocates of "Apostolical Succession" carry their pretensions:—

"Baptists and other separatists, who refuse to acknowledge and obey bishops (who are the successors of the Apostles,) have no right to preach or administer the sacrament. Can a man assume the office of a judge unless he be appointed to it by the king! The separatists (dissenters, *matkheaters*;) did not originate