

they draw up and report to next Synod a full statement of the grounds of charge,—in the mean time, suspending Mr. Guthrie from the ministerial office.

On the passing of this resolution Mr. Guthrie protested, on the ground that the doctrines for which he had been condemned were Scriptural truths and that he considered himself bound to teach God's love to fallen man in spite of the sentence of Synod. Thereupon the Moderator said, that as Mr. Guthrie had disowned the authority of the Synod, it was his duty to declare him no longer a minister of the Secession Church, and to forbid all ministers and licentiates from holding ministerial communion with him.

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*Case of Mr. Walker.*

The Rev. Robert Walker, Comrie, was one of the three who protested against the decision of Synod in the case of Mr. Rutherford. This case consisted of three protests and appeals by Mr. Walker, against findings of the Presbytery of Perth, and a reference of the whole case to the Synod by said Presbytery. After considerable discussion it was resolved to appoint a committee to communicate with Mr. Walker and the Presbytery, and having examined the facts, to report, whether, in their conviction, there be any cause of complaint which the Synod may take under their consideration.

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*Home and Foreign Missions.*

A very gratifying report on Home Missions was read by the Rev. D. Thomas, the Secretary. It was stated that there were altogether 63 home Missionary Congregations and Stations connected with the Synod. These congregations of a missionary character were scattered over the more destitute parts of Scotland, some of the border counties of England, the Orkney and Shetland islands and the Northern and Western Highlands. 15000 of all classes were dependant on the home missions of the Synod, for a supply of religious instruction and the ordinances of the Gospel,—of these about 12000 were ordinary hearers of the word—2833 were now members of the United Secession Church, and 3000 young persons attending Sabbath and Bible classes, who were receiving the benefits of religious training and instruction. The expense of the Home Missionary establishment connected with the Synod, last year, amounted to upwards of £5000, of which £2550 were contributed by the Missionary stations and congregations themselves,—and the rest by the Synod's mission fund, including the sums advanced for the special support of particular stations and city missionary operations, by different congregations belonging to the body. The whole amount collected, last year, for, both the Home and Foreign missions was upwards of £9000.

Several of the Missionaries addressed the Synod at considerable length,