

difficulties ! In reference to these unfounded assertions, the Conference now passed the following resolution :

"The Conference cannot but call to their painful recollection, the troubles which have been created in the church for several years past; and though they regret to have it to say, that they consider Mr. Ryan accessory to those troubles, as well as the author of public impeachments of the preachers and the Conference,—And though, for various reasons, they cannot accede to his proposals; yet, whenever he shall publicly recall those misrepresentations, they recommend that he be again received to the fellowship of the church."

Mr. Ryan having requested a copy of *this last resolution*, the Conference voted that the Secretary furnish Mr. Ryan with the whole proceedings of this session in relation to him.

Thus, Brethren, we have given you a statement of the proceedings of the Conference in the case of Mr. Ryan, together with such explanations as Mr. Ryan's frequent comments on those proceedings seemed to require. In concluding our remarks, we beg leave to ask, wherein does it appear that the Conference has shown a disposition to "oppress," to "persecute," and "destroy." Let us review several circumstances of which Mr. Ryan most complains. He says Mr. Madden's statements in the Conference were untrue. Now wherein does this appear? He has produced no evidence to that effect, though every opportunity was afforded him to do so at the Conference of 1827. In his controversy with Mr. Madden, it appears that Mr. Ryan was the aggressor. He began by meddling with Mr. M's domestic economy, and impeaching the females of his family. Now what had Mr. Ryan to do with Mr. M's family? He had no pastoral charge of them. Had he been *their* minister he might have been more in his place, and even then, it did not become his profession to go abroad with his censures upon a defenceless female, and one too who had just arrived—a stranger in the country. Whether Mr. Madden *did* exercise all that forbearance which he might have done, had he possessed less regard for his rising family, we do not pretend. But you know the men, and may judge whether Mr. Ryan would have taken it more kindly, had Mr. M. made the same remarks about him and his family. It is certain that Mr. Madden made no complaint to the Conference, and probably would not have done it; but another who laboured under no delicacies of *personal* concern, came forward in *behalf of the church*, that the evil might be corrected.

The Conference has refused none of the complaints of Mr. Ryan against any of the preachers. They have examined very minutely all the specifications of his charges, and of charges against him, and after hearing all the evidence and pleas on all sides, have given their decision, to the best of their knowledge, leaving the subject open for an appeal to the General Conference. The Conference has granted Mr. Ryan the appointments he asked for, granted a