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It was moved by Dr. Black, seconded by Mr. Urquhart, and unanimously agreed to, that the thanks of the Synod be given to Dr. Cook for the excellent sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Synod, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

The Moderator produced and read a letter from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to this Synod. The tenor whereof follows :—

**To the Moderator and other Members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.**

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland embrace the earliest opportunity of conveying to you an expression of their sympathy in the painful and peculiar circumstances in which you are placed, as well as an expression of their highest approbation of your conduct in the trials with which you have been visited.

The Committee deeply regret that the dissensions which have so much disturbed the peace of the Church in our own land should have found their way to the land of your adoption, and that divisions so unseemly, and so injurious to the interests of religion, should have found a place among those, who, as the servants of one Master, and the ministers of one Church, had dwelt so long together, like brethren, in unity.

But we are fully persuaded that you are not the cause, and therefore not chargeable with the consequences, of this unhappy strife. You have maintained your principles with great steadfastness, and defended them with great ability, and you will have this testimony from the intelligent and upright of every country, that you have acted like consistent men and Christian ministers.

Your great offence, in the eyes of your opponents, seems to be this, that you refuse to disown a Church, which has done nothing to forfeit your affection, or call for such a deed on your part. The Church of Scotland has never claimed any authority, nor exercised any control over your Synod ; neither has she ever possessed, nor desired to possess the right of any such interference. Her ambition and her efforts have been limited to the cultivation of brotherly affection, and the rendering of pecuniary aid to those who had many claims on her regard. The accusations lately brought

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