

firmly and faithfully adhering to the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government of the Church of Scotland, as authorised in her standards

After dissent meetings of the Associate Presbytery, to consider what, in present circumstances, was their duty, they were most reluctantly brought to declare their inability to return on the terms which were now proposed.

Upon the whole they admitted, that by the repeal of the Acts of 1730 and 1732, part of the grounds of their Secession was removed, but the principal grounds thereof they found to be still remaining.

(To be continued.)

ERRATA.

Page 136, col. 2, line 29th from foot, for leaving read holding.
137, col. 1, line 31 from top, for prevent read present.

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THE PERPETUITY OF THE SCRIPTURES.

In all human compositions, two questions may be asked—What is the meaning of certain statements, and, are they true? But in reference to the Bible, the latter question is altogether inadmissible: for, if God has spoken, his word must be true, and we are required to believe its doc-

have a right to conclude, that "the word of the Lord shall endure forever."

1. The various books of Scripture have been hitherto preserved, with out material alteration. Since the invention of printing, the absolute ex-tinction of any work of general importance, seems a danger too impro-bable for apprehension. The press pours forth its thousands of volumes, which, scattered like seed throughout the world, could only be destroyed by the total destruction of its inhabitants.

But the word of God has not been less miraculously preserved in the present dispensation, than it was during the past. The epistles of Paul were addressed to particular churches in the immediate neighbourhood.

But after Christianity had become the dominant religion of the empire, other dangers and perils threatened the word of God. The northern bar-barians poured down their hordes into Italy, sacked Rome, and destroyed many of the ancient monuments of learning.