

Reasons assigned for Retiring from the Ellinship

The Synod in 1848 at Halepat passed 5 Resolutions expressive of its decided disapprobation of Sectarian Secular Education, and assigning valid Reasons therefore; but in a 6th Resolution passed also, as a Vidua to the former - it declares that it is "Compelled to adopt the overture", - that is, to open a Sectarian ~~overture~~ institution, "in consequence of present Pressing Exigencies" - thus mutually repudiating its own declared principles, and it was besides revealing a deliberate falsehood, in as much as no such Necessity or Pressing Exigencies, did then, or do now exist; yet such is the foundation on which the Sectarian institution at the West Kents.

2 Immediately after the above meeting of Synod, a deputation was sent to our Brethren in Scotland to beg for money to support this institution from a People who are poorer than ourselves, and who make a Scriptural use of all their disposable funds, Whereas it is well known that a very few of our Congregations could be selected which could easily raise all the necessary funds to support such an institution, and would be most happy to do so, providing it were made such

as the state of our Church, and of Provincial Education requires. Not contented with thus degrading our Church in the minds of our Brethren in Scotland, the Synod afterwards reacquired the being Expedition of the Rev. J. Waddell to the United States, by receiving and appropriating the Money he obtained there as the Fruits of his representing our Church in a foreign Country.

3rd Some years ago, a writer over the signature of "M" who was well known by a large majority of our Synod to be a member of their Body and professing to represent its opinions, published in one of the U.P. Publications in Scotland, a series of letters reflecting injuriously and falsely on P.S. Church, Congregation, and on some of its Members personally, thus delibcrately exposing it to the contempt of our Brethren in Scotland; - and as the recorded Libelous Sentiments of this writer, were never disavowed by our Synod it has thereby adapted his opinions as their own.

4th) Some years ago a member of Synod & a Teacher of the Youth intrusted for the future Ministry of the Church, published some Letters in the Provincial Papers, in which he used strong language concerning some of the most exemplary members of P.S. Church, at once disgraceful to him-

self as a Teacher of youth, - a Minister of Religion -
In the Squad, which has made his Sentiments its
own by not Subjecting him to the discipline of the
Church, and ^{by} continuing to Employ him - Notwith-
standing that these Malicious Letters were in the
highest degree injurious to the Reputation of
those against whom he aimed his Envenom-
ed shafts.

^{Resolved}
The Squad has, at its last meeting to adopt
measures to obtain Possession of Britain Academy
without any Equivalent, under the Evancas Plea
that it of Right belongs to them, thus sowing
afresh the Seeds of Religious & Political Strife, in
the Community. Whereas the whole facts of the Case
shews fully that so far from ~~this being the case~~
the P & C of A.S. having any Suspension Claim over
that Institution to others, they have already, both
as a Squad and as Individuals strenuously re-
pudiated the opinion that they held such, and
declared in the most unequivocal manner
that it was a Public Provincial Institution,
upheld by the Public Monies thereof and
free from all Sectarian Bias; thus laying
claim to it now therefore, on such grounds is
disreputable to themselves, personally & Collectively
and highly injurious to the whole body of the Church.

in as much as they thereby appear in the Unchristian
Position of Enemies of the Public Peace, and in oppo-
sition of Free unsectarian Education of the People gen-
erally on a Broad & Liberal Basis.

after duly weighing the Responsibility of the Step,
have resolved to withdraw from the Eldership of
this Congregation, as pecuniarily conscientiously de-
pound the measure of the Higher Courts of the
Church.

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