

love for Mr M'Alpin that had originated the objections in this case, and that he was, therefore, entitled confidently to ask the Assembly to dismiss the objections as founded on causeless prejudice.

Mr Moncrieff having replied for the objectors, Parties were then removed.

Dr Hill did not think that the evidence bore out at all the objections which had been made to the discourses. (Applause.) They seem to him to be exceedingly feeble and altogether insufficient. He moved—"That the sentence of the Presbytery of Mull be reversed, and that the Presbytery of Mull be instructed to proceed with the settlement of Mr Campbell in the parish of Tyree." (Applause.)

Dr Irvine, Blair-Athole, seconded the motion.

Mr Cameron, Logierait, moved that the **Assembly** affirm the judgement of the Presbytery of Mull.

Dr Pirie seconded Mr Cameron's motion. He believed that the Act of Lord Aberdeen was to a certain extent on its trial, and he believed that on the decision the **Assembly** now gave in this and in future cases—for he feared they would have to carry on the struggle for a few years yet—would mainly depend whether he and a considerable number of members of this House be not compelled to unite with Dr Lee in some such motion as he had brought forward. He believed the presentee in this case was a young man of no ordinary talent—a young man of high character and deserved reputation, and who, in the right place, would do honour to the Church of Scotland. But the question was whether, under Lord Aberdeen's Act, he was suited to the parish of Tyree. The question then involved was this, how far was the man suitable to the education, character, want,

attendance in Edinburgh, an every point on which they receive information; and his matter was attended with great far as he knew, the legal difficulty removed. At least he had the Bible Board had come to subject.

On the motion of Dr Hill of, and the committee read Convener.

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