

stood true to your Kirk, especially at present, when her foes are mustering their strength against her, and the voice of the coming conflict is sounding over Britain. And had you been so rich that you needed aid no more, your duty was to refund to the Church at home, some part of what she lavished on you here, thus placing at her disposal funds which might aid her missions in other lands. Or if resolved to take the cowardly step of deserting her in the hour of danger, you should at once have resigned your livings, the law being universal that those seceding from any body forfeit all right to its property. But for you not only to desert her, but to take from her property intended only for her faithful adherents, bespeaks an utter want of moral principle; yours is a gigantic robbery that should be placed alongside many others for which America is famous.

Even had the Kirk been weak, there was no need to betray her. Look at England—the whole Scotch Synod from the Tweed to the Thames musters only twelve congregations, yet though ill-supported, it maintains its independence in the face of England, scorning to loose its national identity by union with other Presbyterians. But in Canada our Kirk was flourishing, numbering nearly 200 churches; partly endowed through her Clergy Reserves; well supported by Scotch settlers and the Colonial Committee's grants, with a college to train native ministers for which she obtained an Imperial charter. Nay, she had the high prestige of being recognised by the British Government as on the same footing with the Church of England. With such strength and resources she had no need of union; yet with all this, you have committed the parricidal act of basely delivering her up, property, prestige, name, and independence, to the tender mercies of her enemies! Like base traitors you have thrown down her bulwarks which no enemy could storm—while her true sons were bravely defending her, you hoisted the signal of capitulation, opened her gates to the enemy, and let them in like a flood! Miserable traitors, what will they say in Scotland when they hear of it? They will disown you! The General Assembly will depose you! The Colonial Committee will wring their hands and blush for shame that they ever made you their "trusty friends"—you of Synod Boards especially who monopolised all their favors, who were to them as a right hand and a right eye, from whom they drew all their inspiration and knowledge of the Kirk abroad, and who have so deceived and wronged them. Ah! poor Colonial Committee, after all the pearls you have showered upon them, do they turn and rend you! Foolish Committee, that patronised not the friends, but the foes of the Kirk; have you discovered at last that you were warming a snake in your bosom—nourishing wolves that have rent the fold? Ah! you are mortified, indignant that the Kirk's good money has been so misapplied and thrown away, and you are determined to demand it back from the Unionist traitors. False brethren of Canada, you see what is awaiting you. You seem to deprecate the storm gathering over all Scotland to burst upon you, by sending in haste a deputation to her shores to gloss things over a little, and throw some more dust in the eyes of the Assembly in addition to what some of you threw two years ago! Atrocious presumption! After completing the work of destruction on the Kirk, you send a deputation to tell the General Assembly you have done so? No, not exactly, this won't do. Your words, carefully prepared, must be smooth as butter, and, like the ancient oracles, capable of two meanings, one for Scotland, another for Canada. Should your deputation then speak deceptively they will profess to be a deputation from our Kirk; assure the Assembly of your undiminished attachment (you may say love,) towards the old Church of