

of order, and who make their own sweet will a law unto them, have probably worked themselves into a sincere belief that they are, what they call themselves, "the Church of Scotland in Canada." In these remarks, I am to be understood as referring only to the handful of Ministers and Elders who have taken the lead in putting forth the pretensions under consideration. Of the rest, and of the small number of persons in Ontario and Quebec who have chosen to take sides with them, I have not a disrespectful word to say. I am only sorry that they should have taken counsel with the few, and with those who had done little to earn their confidence, rather than with the many, and with those who had been always previously looked up to as the trusted guides of the church. It is granted that among the adherents of the minority, on the question of Union, are to be found some of the warmest friends which the "Church of Scotland in Canada" ever had. What is to be regretted is, that they were not prepared, in a generous, christian way, to say, with the rest of their brethren, to those who had been their former rivals, let bygones be bygones. Still cherishing the hard feelings of a previous generation, they remind one of Dean Ramsay's story of the dying Highlander who charged his son to avenge an insult that somebody had offered to the family; "yes, Tonal, I forgive him, but mind, when I am gone, you must make sure to be even with him." It is by fanning the dying embers of ill feeling, in a few districts in which it formerly ran high, that the anti-unionists have succeeded in detaching any persons at all from the United Church, and it is well that this fact should be known far and near.

As they won a few adherents by ministering to the humor of "the winter of their discontent," so they think by getting themselves named in newspapers, and talked of at home and abroad, as "the Church of Scotland in Canada," thus familiarizing the public with the designation, gradually to grow into possession of the title, with all the prestige that belongs to it. I have heard even some of those who should know better, speak of the anti-unionists as "the Church of Scotland in Canada"; but it is to be deprecated that this should be done, though it were only in jest; for "use and wont" is a strange plant and of insidious growth. It was for this reason that I felt called upon the very first time I saw a newspaper giving the minority of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland that dissented from the Union, the title that

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