

publish it not in the streets of Askalon!" Some of these disgraceful terms are published in their *sham* "Basis of Union;" many are kept secret. Enough is known to show that their *true* Basis and bond of union is the spoliation of our Kirk, and the division of her property! And now their only difficulty is to blindfold the people, and, without alarming them, get them to join them in this business. To attain this they have raised a "Union" cry, falsely assuring them that *they will still be the Church of Scotland*. To make sure, they require them to sign their Basis, *without examining it too closely*, for, after a few childish statements as to the belief of God, &c., to which any heathen might say "yea," and a mangling of the Confession of Faith, it contains some notice of the bare-faced appropriations of the Kirk's property, to which you must shut your eyes; and to this wonderful document, most artfully drawn up, so as to conceal the real grounds of difference between the Kirk and her opponents, and thus obtain the blinded assent of the illiterate, you are called on to give your adhesion next Tuesday. I counsel you to treat such a document with contempt, as unconstitutional, and as a snare to destroy you. Their game is to enrich themselves by seizing your Church's property, and entrap you into the snare of abetting the deed by signing their document. By giving your approval of their "Basis," you sign away your inheritance, and they will use your names to deprive you of your privileges, and crush you with Acts of Parliament. I foresee nothing but evil from this wicked attempt to extirpate the Scotch Church in Colonies where there is such a large Scotch population. I see your Church sold into captivity, and her children weeping and lamenting their loss amid lawsuits, strife, contention, and trouble. Be not deceived by the deceptive name of "Union;" in their mouths it means only destruction. I am sorry that many will be led astray by them over Canada. I charge you before God to remain faithful and "remember Zion." Harken not to those who, for the most sordid ends, lead the "Union" movement in this Island—who, after eating the bread of the Kirk all their life-time—a drag and burden to the Colonial Committee—like base assassins, now turn round and stab the Mother that nourished them! Such persons are undeserving the name either of Scotchmen or of Scotch ministers. Far be it from us to be averse to union on a proper basis, namely, that those who left us come back to us, again receive our name, and be the same as before they left us. The Church of Scotland, both at home and abroad, keeps the door open for the return of her children—though they have wandered far away from her—and, like a kind Mother, earnestly desires their re-union with her, but this can only be on one condition, *that they return to the parental roof*. Unless *this* union takes place, then we are far better as we are. The Church of Scotland requires union with no one; united unto