

is met with to a greater or less extent in most churches, but which does not so frequently appear before the public. Moreover, had we refused its publication, the writer would have thought we were afraid, and that they had a grievance. We beg pardon for indicating the possibility of the writer being a lady, and assert that we do not think it can be the case, for the writing looks very masculine, and, to say nothing of the loyalty of the ladies to the lords of creation in general, and to the Bishops in particular, our brother Mr. Marling has always been an especial favourite among them. The following is the literal production of which we speak :—

MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir :—I can see no reason why you should refrain from speaking out fully concerning your Presbyterian brother unless you prefer that ministers of like Theological tendencies should remain among us sailing under false Colours. Some years ago when the Revd. Mr. Hodgkins went over to the Presbyterian body the Revd. W. F. Clarke in a Letter published in the Independent recommended him to go up higher, he seemingly took the proffered advice for he next Joined the Episcopalians and it is said has attained the very highest pinnacle of ritualism, the Revd. Mr. Geikie has lately followed to the same Church through the Presbyterian mill. We have not heard to what height in the mysteries he has attained but no doubt he will soar high in rights and Ceremonies. Now we have the Revds. Messrs. Marlin and Clarke going by the same road, seemingly agreed in this if in nothing else, whether they remain in that body or go up higher time will decide, but which way ever they go, whether by the slow process of the Kirk or like the late pastor of Zion Church take The long Jump at once, we very much prefer their coming out in their true colors, to their remaining among us under false pretences, although it does seem surprising that it should take from twenty to thirty years before they awake up and find themselves travelling by the wrong train. We wish Mr. M., may succeed beyond his utmost expectations, but you Mr. Editor know, if not, we could refer you to

many of our body as well as to those of other denominations who have notwithstanding the green pastures you speak of, been glad to come back to the woods of old Canada again and if they have to give up housekeeping to live at a boarding house, we should think it a poor exchange for the Joys and comforts of home though the pastures were ever so rich or Luxurious. Be that as it may, We fail to see any great cause of Joy on the part of the Editor of the Independent, at a brother minister leaving the Cause that as Educated and supported him for near thirty years, without any regard for the welfare of the Church he has left or assigning any reason for the course he has taken. We have no desire if we had the power to prevent any minister or member from Joining other bodies if they conscientiously Believe it is their duty so to do. But we will protest against Presbyterianism or Romanism being introduced into our Church, it has lately been declared by the Conclave of Bishops at Montreal, with only one dissident (we would like to know his name) that no Church can be formed or Congregation choose a minister, without first calling a Council of Pastors and delegates from other Churches around the one about to be formed, Christ says wherever two or three are met together in my name there am I in the midst of them to bless them, but no, say the Bishops you must not do this by appointment, until you have presented the documents (whatever those might be) and taken the advice from the Ministers and delegates appointed. There is some excuse for the Mover of the resolutions he having been raised and Educated in Montreal and seeing what power the Priest have over their flocks, But then the Vote was all but "unanimous," True they seem fond of Power, Priestcraft is not confined to the Church of Rome, We have heard of no reason being give for the Change unless it was the refusal of our newly formed Western Church to accept the protege of the Bishops, rather preferring to have a pastor of their own choice, they did well, and we do think that the Revd M.D's five resolutions too strong a dose for the Churches of Ontario to swallow, though sugar coated, ever so thickly, no matter how strongly Urged, nor yet through fear of being questioned when applying for admittance into the Union, notwithstanding the first Article has been altered, so to read, ministers possess sufficient wisdom, it appears to Judge for themselves, but the united wisdom of the Church is not sufficient to decide what is best for them. If they feel they need ad-