

wasting away, or adhering to their ministers only because they have nowhere else to go to, with a college deserted alike of its professors and its students, and with a feeling pervading their whole Church, that their greatest enemy is the truth, and the greatest danger to which they are exposed, the circulation of the truth among those who are still in ignorance, it is natural enough that their minds should be full of images of desolation, and that they should enlarge with more than ordinary pathos, on the evils which have flowed from the disruption. That, however, is but one side of the picture. If *they* have reaped only evil from the course which they have followed, *to us* the disruption has been attended with the happiest results. It has been the means of imparting new life and energy to our people, and awakening among them a spirit of liberality which some of us scarcely ever expected to see; it has secured to our Church the refreshing visits of successive deputations from the Free Church, including some of the "excellent of the earth;" it has drawn to our college numbers of pious and devoted young men, who are preparing to carry the Gospel into the remotest corners of the Province, and who promise to hand down the testimony which we have lifted up "for the rights of Christ's Crown," to future generations; it has placed us on a vantage ground for promoting union among all the sound-hearted Presbyterians of the Province, —a possible issue from which the happiest results both to the cause of Presbyterianism and of vital religion may yet flow,—and in these and similar fruits of the disruption, we see no cause to regret the part which we were constrained and enabled to take in it; on the contrary, we believe that we can see in them evidences of the approbation and blessing of God, and an earnest of still happier fruits which that event will in due time produce.

CONCLUSION.

But we must now close, and leave it with you to say, whether we have not proved "that the disruption was called for," that the part which we have taken in it was only in fulfilment of a duty which we owed to Christ, and that those among you who would be faithful to Christ, and to the rights of his Crown, are bound to imitate our example. In parting with you, let us just call upon you to remember the deep responsibility under which you are placed in regard to the decision to which you may come on this momentous question, and the reckoning which will be made with you respecting that decision in the day of the Lord. The men of the world may represent the question at issue, as a question only about a matter of secondary and subordinate importance, and may count it of little importance on which side you determine to stand. Be not deceived. In the words of Livingston, "Christ's small things are *very great*," and that can-