

that Church at Montreal in sending a message of congratulation on what appeared to be the downfall of the sister church in Canada. We are not at present called on to comment on the differences of opinion or practice, but we wish to direct attention to the faithfulness with which all within that Church have declared their close and intimate connection with the mother church, a connection exactly similar to that which we hold with the Church of Scotland.

We have heard over and over again from those who sought to sever the connection between our Church in Canada and the Mother Church in Scotland, that the title "in connection with the Church of Scotland," was too narrow; that there were Presbyterians from the North of Ireland in large numbers who should be induced to join us by the simple process of our acknowledging ourselves ashamed of our origin and connection; that the young and rising generation in Canada sought to throw off the fetters imposed by our intimate alliance with the venerable establishment. There was a depth of moral cowardice about this which is not easy to fathom, and at the same time a moral obliquity which it is difficult to understand. They appeared to be ashamed of the connection, yet not above craving pecuniary assistance. Here they said, we are *not* a branch of the Church of Scotland; you who have denounced her and who would approve of her destruction and help in the work may enter without fear of pollution. To the Colonial Committee they appealed on the ground that we were a branch of the Church of Scotland, and on that plea begged for assistance in money. Such men tainted the whole body. They destroyed its usefulness and impeded its progress, and having done their best to destroy the Church to which they belonged, and used every exertion they could to build up another body, they then set up the cry that until the name of the Church of Scotland was removed from us, and our connection openly ended, we could never succeed, but must fail. Instance after instance occurs to us of the extraordinary means resorted to by these pretended members of our Church, who used every effort to have their prophecies fulfilled. The real members of the Church know full well that so far from the name "Church of Scotland" being a barrier to our advancement, it was the very reverse. But they also felt that by some secret means their efforts were rendered useless and their labours proved abortive.

How different it is with the branch of the Church of England here. It is spreading in all directions, increasing the number of its charges everywhere. Yet against the name "Church of England" the same objections apply. There are Episcopalians from Ireland, from Scotland, from the United States, who were as likely to object to that name as Presbyterians would do to "Church of Scotland." But there is this essential difference: They believe in themselves, and their leaders have been sincere in their profession. They have not brought contempt on their own Church by undervaluing its worth and appearing to be ashamed of it. Struggling with difficulties as the faithful