

THE PRETENSIONS EXPOSED

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“The Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland.”

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“Is it worth the powder and shot?” asked a friend, whom I had informed of my intention to prepare and issue a small tract on the above subject. The question was put in kindness, and was well meant. It intimated that in the estimation of the speaker, those about whom I proposed to write, did not deserve to have their pretensions gravely discussed, as an exposure of them would only confer a prominence upon them that otherwise they could not hope to attain. This view of the situation has not, however, deterred me from my purpose. If the pretensions to be laid bare, were as well understood in all quarters, as they are in Presbyterian circles in Canada, where they are only laughed at, I should have been disposed to take my friend's advice, and leave them severely alone. But whatever else may be said of this small and curious fraternity, they cannot fairly be described as lacking in either boldness or industry. “What man dare,” *they* dare. Their apparent policy is to weary the public into conceding to them the claim, which they make,—to be the continuation of “the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland,” which it is well known, was merged into the “Presbyterian Church in Canada,” on the 16th of June, 1875,—by reiterating that claim. I should be paying a poor compliment to the understandings of the one or two really clever men among them, were I even to suggest that they have any faith in their own pretensions. Some of them, who have no perception