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OUR OWN CHURCH.

"Will the "Kirk" retain a foothold in the Dominion?"

A would be loyal son of the Kirk who takes a gloomy view of the "situation," writes to ask us if we think the kirk in N. S., or the Dominion, will survive the shock of the loss of the majority of the late synod, and live down the frowns, persecution, and loss of property to which she has been subjected since the consummation of Union:

We reply,—Do we think the "Kirk" can much longer survive the frowns, persecutions and loss of property she has been subjected to since the consummation of Union? Certainly we do, the more she is shaken the brighter will her light become. In the meantime, much chaff must go. Survive, yes, we believe the very "gates of hell shall not prevail against her!" Why should they? Is she not the acknowledged Nova Scotian branch of the national church of Scotland? Does not the Kirk in N. S., hold the same doctrine and church government, the same confession of faith and standards that the kirk of Scotland holds! and seeing that she did survive on two occasions, in her history in this province, very fierce blasts of malice, calumny, and persecution, by the help of the great head of church, she will now ride along on the crest of the wave to victory and still greater extension! The scheme of Mr. Dunn, successfully carried out, will place her in a position, that will make her the envy of her bigger, the younger sister, and a city of refuge to congregations to which scant justice may be dealt. Survive?

Yes we hope to see her occupy a proud position in the Dominion before those who are now young become very old! We would be deeply sorry to see her use "carnal weapons," for the accomplishment of her object, yet we hope to see her strike her roots deeper, and spread her branches wider than ever before, not losing sight however, of the possibility of union, but waiting with patience, and looking with due deference to the mother to move in that direction first.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Aberdeen on Thursday, a cordial vote of congratulation was passed to Dr. Pirie on his appointment to the Principalship of Aberdeen University. The compliment was proposed by Rev. George Jamieson, and seconded by Rev. G. F. J. Philip. Dr. Trail, as Moderator, expressed the congratulations of the Presbytery, and hoped that some of the kirk sessions in the city would place Dr. Pirie in the Presbytery as an elder, in order that they might have the benefit of his counsel. Principal Pirie, in acknowledging the kindness of the Presbytery, said that if spared to continue to act in the Church Courts, he would work as heretofore to bring into closer relationships the various Christian denominations. He mentioned that since his appointment to the Principalship the number of congratulatory letters he had received was so great that it would be totally impossible for many years to answer them, and that from persons of the very highest character, and the highest position. He considered it no small thing for a man, after thirty years' labour in that Presbytery and the Church Courts, to receive so much kindness from a new generation, for the gentlemen around him were for the most part of a different generation from those with whom he began his labours in that court.