

world. The schismatics, *cutting the cord, not lengthening it*, break the unity of this Church by setting up, among the snows of Canada, a separate isolated sect, at the expense of separation from a Church extending from Scotland to India, Australia, South Sea Islands, South America, West Indies, British North America and the ends of the earth; by forming a small Canadian "Union" at the unspeakable sacrifice of *disunion* from a Church encircling the globe! Cut off from the great Trunk in Scotland, whence all sap and nourishment is derived, how soon will the little twig in Canada freeze, wither, and die!

4. Because such *disunion* is sinful in the sight of God, who hates all schism and discord.

5. Because it is offensive to all good and loyal men, who hate treachery and disloyalty.

6. Because it involves in the commission of a great crime those ministers of the Kirk who join the movement—the breaking of their solemn vows taken on the day of their ordination, when with uplifted hand, before God and the people, they swore that they would be faithful to the Kirk till death. Elders also are under solemn vows of fidelity to the Kirk; and indeed all communicants.

7. Because the advocates of "Union" have never been able to advance *one single argument* in defence of it, save a wretched expediency, which means selfishness.

8. Because the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has steadily refused to sanction such a revolt against herself, (which is nothing less than treason) saying, in her dignified manner to those who went to her, and with a face of brass, impudently told her that they intended to secede from her, after all her kindness to them, "that she would offer no objection to *their* doing so!" which was tantamount to saying, "If ye be such rogues and villains as to be capable of betraying and ruining the Kirk, which has been as a nursing Mother to you from childhood, and after all she has done for you in Canada, Nova Scotia, and other British Colonies, then the sooner she is rid of you the better. She will not ask you to remain with her against your will. We have long given you aid and counsel, but if you despise both, and are dissatisfied with your connection with us, do not look to us for any more, and separate yourselves, we pray you, from *us*, and turn to *any* hand you please."

9. Because the movement is unconstitutional. It is *ultra vires* not only of ourselves, but even of the Parent Church herself, to form such a "Union;" not only because, holding the principles of both an Established and a National Church, she can never unite with Dissenters or Voluntaries *as such*, but because she possesses no power to annihilate herself either at home or abroad, and no right to legislate away her blood-bought privileges, which are the common birthright of the whole Scottish nation.

10. Because it is opposed to our national feelings. Our love of kin and country, and our love to our national Zion forbid it. We cannot be guilty of the revolting crime of dis-union from her, though we should be reft of houses, of lands, and become the victims of persecution. We will cheerfully suffer the loss of all temporalities, and let Babylonians and Edomites share them between them—but we cannot lose Zion. Like true Israelites, our sentiment must ever be "If we forget thee, O Jerusalem, let our right hand forget her cunning." Connexion with the Kirk of Scotland is a sacred bond never to be severed—her beautiful dear *name* never to be lost till exchanged for the *new name* above! To renounce allegiance to her is sacrilege and