

no means object to it; we only object to their plundering the house in which they were long entertained so hospitably. If these "ungrateful guests," as Philip of Macedon would have branded them, were tired of the Church of Scotland, their countrymen were not, and no right had they to deprive them of that blessing. To force the Legislatures in their own interests, to extirpate that Church in Colonies where there is such a large Scotch population, was an infamous action. That population, both settled, and continually arriving as emigrants, belong chiefly to the national Kirk, and they are not to be deprived of the privilege and consolation of their national religion.

As to the sect they have helped to form, we bear no ill will to it or its people—we blame not the people, but their spiritual guides—and we are only sorry that some whom we esteem have been deluded into it, not aware that they are thus strengthening the hands of our persecutors. A sectarian "Union", by extinguishing the Scotch Church, it diminishes the number of churches in the country by one half. A dissenting "Union," its feelings towards our Established Kirk are more hostile, than those of Spanish Catholics to Protestant missionaries, or those of Mahommedans in Damascus towards Christians. It is not a union of love, joy, and peace, but a union illustrated hitherto by hatred, wrath, strife—by law-suits, injustice, intolerance, by ejections, spoliation, penalties. Destitute of charity, and based on robbery and the oppression of the poor, what an abomination must its worsnip be in the sight of God! What sort of ministers are they who can hold office in it! A mongrel sect, composed of schismatics of every creed, whose doctrinal standard is now wavering between Universalism and Socinianism, with a mixture of Pelagianism and other heresies not found in the Confession of Faith, its teaching is as widely different from that of the Church of Scotland, as the west is distant from the east! Such a union, though now held together for political ends, will soon dissolve like a rope of sand, by the inevitable tendency of sectarianism. Alas! that any should leave the firm rock of Scotland's Kirk for such shifting sands of delusion.

As to the woes they have inflicted on us, look around and behold them—our Zion desolate, her children in tears, her treasury plundered! Her case is one of peculiar hardship. She has been stripped by the "Union Acts" of everything. Her *private* property, churches, manses, colleges—all raised by her own hands—have been seized, as well as *Government* grants. Spoliation is too feeble a term to use for such wholesale plunder. Every vestige and shred of our dear Church's property is wrenched and wrung from her without mercy, and she is left naked and desolate. No funds has she to fall back upon, and none to help her.

With poor congregations, the case is especially hard, their mem-