

pastor ere that settlement is sustained. Should any church do less? The Mission Boards require sure knowledge of the candidate's views of evangelical truth and general power of presentation. Can any deacon insist on less as he discharges his duty to his fellowship? "Then we shall ask no favour." Regard to the convictions of others will be maintained under pressure of a money consideration, and when that need is gone—Hurrah! we are free! Snap your fingers at the hand that helped. Is that what is meant?

"FREEDOM to worship God" was that which the Pilgrim Fathers sought, found, and bequeathed on the New England coast, not freedom from the restraints of fellowship or from the obligations brotherhood imposes. Too prevalent by far is that ruinous notion that an Independent Church means a church of free-lances, where each may have his way and all be hale fellows well-met; and the very opposite of free, in the highest sense, is the church that will yield for a money consideration the regard to fellowship obligations which are indignantly spurned when that church can walk alone. We need to keep the spirit of sycophant treachery out of our churches, and to cultivate, as many do, a spirit of loving fellowship, the truest liberty earth can give. This is our freedom: freedom to prophesy, freedom to work, freedom to call every man brother that names the Lord Jesus Christ, and freedom to recognize a church wherever two or three are met in Christ's name for fellowship, worship, and work.

A NEW form of boycotting has appeared in this city, and one which has its lessons. The homes of the members of a well-known brewery firm were visited by two ladies in the interest of one of the recognized charitable institutions of Toronto. These ladies were distinctly told that the usual contributions would be withheld in consequence of the part taken by many of the promoters of these institutions *in pressing on the Scott Act!* The resolve was made, by this firm at least, to contribute no longer to the charitable institutions of the city. As a member of the editor's family was one of the collectors, this matter is not an item of hearsay, and manifests too truly the general spirit of the liquor traffic.

cursions, introduced by Mr. Charlton in the Dominion Parliament, has been lost without a division. The real difficulty lies in the fact that Sunday excursions after canonical hours are held by our French-Canadian ecclesiastical authorities to be not only harmless but helpful, and manifestly that cannot be enforced with criminal penalties which commends itself to the judgment and conscience of a large section of the community, a positive majority in one of the Provinces. Whether the Local Legislature can deal with what promises to become an intolerable nuisance remains to be seen; this, however, remains, for every Christian church and man to so influence public sentiment as to conserve what we at present enjoy as a whole, a helpful, restful Sabbath.

It is a glad sign of the times that protests are being uttered from pulpit and press against the wild cry for "vengeance against the Mahdi." We are no "peace at any price" citizen, better war desolate our homes than a spiritless, truckling, mercantile policy. We are as far from being admirers of glory, prestige, for its own sake, and forgetful of the just rights which others hold in common with ourselves. The English *Nonconformist and Independent*, in a late article entitled "Confusion worse Confounded," justly says:

If we had any moral purpose, or even any material object of transcendent importance to serve by the terrible sacrifice we are making, the spirit of Englishmen is not degenerated, and we should endure it without a murmur. But the bitterness of the present position is that no one of any party, or of any section of any party, can suggest an object for the present war that is consistent even with sanity. Of course, we were bound to make a supreme effort to rescue General Gordon, so long as that appeared possible; though even the necessity for such an effort was in itself a condemnation of our policy in the Sudan. For either he should have been successful as an emissary of peace, or he should never have gone at all. But that impersonation of modern chivalry is now dead, and every one dependent upon him in Khartoum is said to have been slain. This is a dreadful acknowledgment to have to make; but it unfortunately appears to be true, and the past cannot be recalled. What we have to do with is the future; and in determining the course of action to be taken it is devoutly to be hoped that the Government will not be actuated either by any spirit of vengeance, or by the moral cowardice that trembles for England's prestige, or by the groundless assumption that we are bound to control a wave of Mohammedan fanaticism. There is one purpose, and one only, to which they are justified in directing all their efforts, and that is to bring back every English soldier, if possible, safe and sound.

A BILL for the prevention of Sunday ex-