

"sequences, that if, by any means, fair or foul, Unionism steals into a Scotch congregation, and Union sympathisers at length outnumber the true Scotch members, they can still hand over such Scotch Church to the Union; but no such provision exists in favour of the Kirk, of allowing a Union congregation to vote itself back again to the Church of Scotland." Other clauses are taken up, and the very disgraceful scenes enacted by the seceders are touched upon with severity."

The same number of the *Landmark* says:

"BAYFIELD.—On Monday, 3rd ulto., a deputation of the Scotch Church, Bayfield, paid a visit to their minister, the Rev. Mr. Moffat. Miss Wilson, of Stanley, read an address on behalf of the ladies, thanking Mr. Moffat for his defence of the 'Church of their Fathers,' and his disinterested exertions to promote the welfare of the Scotch congregations of Bayfield and Varna, requesting him to except an elegantly wrought plaid scarf which they had made for him as a token of their appreciation of his services. Mr. Moffat expressed himself highly gratified by such sentiments of the esteem of the ladies of his congregation, and by the very handsome gift they had presented to him, and assured them that he had no greater pleasure on earth than to defend the 'Church of their Fathers,' and promote in particular the cause and welfare of the Scotch Churches of Bayfield and Varna."

From the *Edinburgh Courant* of June 28th, 1876, copied into the London "Free Press."

"There has been a union movement going on for some time in the Province of Ontario, about which our Pan-Presbyterian visitors did not tell us quite so much as they might have done at their late conference. Reference was made to Canada as one of the privileged countries in which all the divided Presbyterian flocks had been gathered anew into one fold. It was left to be inferred that this had been a spontaneous and purely spiritual operation. We were encouraged also to hope and believe that the Church was to gather strength from the happy re-union of its several members. Later accounts from Ontario do not bear out the congratulations which the Pan-Presbyterian delegates exchanged with each other on this subject. The union is now alleged to have been of the kind which sacrifices spirit to appearances. Far from having introduced unity and peace into the Church, it has yielded an abundant crop of heartburning and litigation. It turns out, as far as the Church of Scotland is concerned, to have been a disestablishment *coup d'état*. Ontario, though rather backward politically, is far enough advanced ecclesiastically to possess Rayites. They are, it is to be feared, a rather strong party, and there can be no question whatever as to their audacity. They have some pliant tools in the Provincial Legislature, and last year a Unionist