

3. That in the English Missionary Report for 1839, is this item :
 "Upper Canada Grant for *one and a half years*, £1050."
 This payment of *arrears* certainly shows that there had been a
suspension of the *regular* annual payment.

I hope the reader is convinced that I have advanced *nothing but the truth on this occasion*. And if all my other statements are only "*equally fanciful*" with this, then may they be regarded as sufficiently real, and unsophistical, and undeniable, to invite the earnest confidence of the most considerate reader.

It cannot but be a source of satisfaction to the writer, that this point (so well sustained) is the *only one* of his "*multitudinous statements*," that *Doctor RYERSON* has deemed it necessary to endeavour to invalidate.

[*Doctor Ryerson's Name.*]

In this my defensive review of the facts of our Western Canada Mission, it may be truly said, that I have never felt any spirit of "antagonism," either against *Doctor RYERSON* or any of his brethren of the Canada Conference.

Dr. R. complains of my use of his name ! To me it has been matter of deep regret that he has been *so mixed up* with the case. Often have I most unfeignedly lamented, in passing, that I could not refer to him approvingly. The truth is that one of my "*infirmities*" is, not being capable of easily extinguishing the fire of a former friendship.

If the *Doctor* will take the trouble of counting the places in my defensive communications in which a reference to himself has been necessary, he will see how studious I must have been to avoid the mention of the name of *RYERSON* ; choosing to speak of him by his office rather than by his "*name*."

And when his name has been mentioned, it has been with strict adherence to the simplest historical fidelity—with no unfriendly epithets, or depreciating allusions—and with no affectation of "*pity from my heart*" or "*sympathy*," as it regards the "*mental infirmities*" which (with *every* advantage of *juniority on his side*), have nevertheless sometimes been "*so manifest*," even on the part of *Doctor RYERSON* himself.

Since however this friendly consideration has been repaid by public insult ; and instead of any even implied *penitence*, there has been an attempt to fabricate a demonstrated *innocence*, it becomes a painful duty to assure *Doctor RYERSON* that "*the leprosy*" of the Dissolution, will "*cleave*" unto him "*forever*."

"*Drowning men will catch at straws* ;" and now indeed I may truly say that "*I pity from my heart*," the greatness of the extremity to which an individual must be reduced, before he could render himself willing to make so desperate (so "*mischievous—unjust—and unfounded*") a catch at the credit of another, in order to save himself from going down.

THE REV. G. F. PLAYTER'S REPLY.

[*Variation from Truth.*]

When the Counsel for a Prosecution undertakes to reply to the Defence of an accused party, he is bound to confine himself to