

I remember of no such statement by you, as that "you utterly disagreed with the whole purport of the letter," nor did you enter, at any great length, as you insinuate, into your reasons for disagreeing with the "sentiments" expressed in it. You certainly expressed yourself to the effect, that you viewed my letter as injudicious; but I do not think your view went farther than that I was out in my expectations that other ministers could be found for Sir Charles Metcalfe, who would have the will and the power to carry out liberal measures.

You, however, distinctly stated that the *Banner* would not meddle in party politics, on which I expressed to you my happiness, and read you a letter I had just finished, to Mr. Fox Maule, in which I fondly anticipated that the constitutional stand of the friends, in Canada, of the Free Church of Scotland, would greatly help to disabuse the public mind in England, of its prejudices as to the political safety of the adherents of this, the institution of my heart. My letter to Mr. Maule stated that the friends of the Free Church of Scotland, would, both as a matter of inclination and of duty to the position of the Church at home, stand for three things.

1st. They will, at all times, stand up for the British Government, whatever is or may be the usage of them, or their Church, at home or in Canada.

2nd. That they would oppose republicanism, as practical infidelity both in religion and politics, whatever be the consequence.

3rd. That they would endeavour to promote, in the colony, the most liberal British politics.

Now, Sir, I think that I have some right to complain, that in the face of this you should have *taken part* against the Governor General, and with the ex-Ministers; knowing as you do, that between them and me there is no matter of constitutional principle, in discussion, and that my objection to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Hincks is, that *they have not the confidence of Upper Canada*, and otherwise are unable to practise the principles we mutually profess.

I should be the very last to commit the enormous evil of infringing on the independence of the press, and for his Excellency's views on that subject, his being the Governor who gave liberty to the press in India, is, I should think, a sufficient guarantee.

I beg to remind you, however, that it was our admiration of your views on the subject of the *Free Church of Scotland*, and not politics, that led us to induce you to leave New York, and that we understood that the *Banner* was brought here to benefit not to injure or misrepresent the Presbyterians of Canada.

We understood that the *politics* of the *Banner* would extend no farther than the application of our Presbyterian views to constitutional principles together with such *news* as was necessary for the attraction of a general newspaper.

And, if the friends who brought you here agree with me, that you are inflicting a fatal wound on the Free Church of Scotland at home, and are *hurrying* its friends in Canada into a vortex of Republicanism, they will agree with me, that we are justified in separating ourselves from you in the public mind, that in fact, it would be most culpable in us not to do so,