

accounts are given of Canada, and we find the subjoined paragraph in the *Christian Times* :—

“ A meeting consisting of several thousands of the working classes, convened by the British Working Men’s Association, was held in Bethnal-green-fields, London, on Monday, 2nd March, for the purpose of promoting free emigration to the British colonies, and petitioning Parliament on the subject. Mr. Bowen, a mason, was called to the chair; and a series of resolutions, moved and seconded by working men, were carried unanimously, expressive of the opinion of the meeting that the only hope for the great number of persons who are thrown out of employment by the long continuous stagnation in the building and other trades is to be found in emigration to Australia, New Zealand, or Canada, asking from Government for a free passage to one of those colonies, on condition that the cost of conveyance be repaid by persons so assisted within a certain time after their arrival. A petition embodying the resolutions was read and adopted.”

Canada certainly has great advantages, but it is possible that these may be exaggerated; and those who come here would find it of immense importance to bring a little capital with them.

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THE COMFORT OF LOVE: *A Discourse* BY THE REV. W. NICOL, D.D.,  
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From an advertisement prefixed to this sermon we learn that, about the end of last year, it was found necessary to unroof the part of the Abbey of Jedburgh which has been long used as the Parish Church; and that the U. P. Congregation of Blackfriars, by a unanimous and cordial vote, agreed to offer accommodation to their brethren of the Establishment, which was accepted in a similar spirit. The two congregations thus, for some time, worshipped in the same place, the ministers officiating on alternate Sabbaths: “ and Dr. Nicol thinking it would be useful, and, in the circumstances becoming in him, now in his declining years, to draw the attention of the united congregations to the higher law of our common Christianity, took a favorable opportunity of doing this; and the discourse on “ The Comfort of Love ” was preached by him on the afternoon of Sabbath the 18th January, 1857; ” and is now published by request. Such fraternal intercourse is pleasant to contemplate, and worthy of commemoration. The Voluntary Principle, we believe, is held in Scotland as firmly as ever, but it is delightful to reflect that the rancorous animosity, connected with its first advocacy, has subsided, and given place to mutual good will. In this respect the times are better than they were twenty years ago.

We fear it would be of little use to recommend Dr. Nicol’s Sermon to our readers, as few of them are likely to have an opportunity of seeing it. It might tend, however, to give them a little interest in it, to tell them that, in his youth, he spent a short time in Canada; and we assure them that the spirit and object of the discourse are quite excellent. It is the first sermon we recollect to have seen by a minister of the U. P. Church, altogether in the Essay form without the slightest attempt at division. It was not needed to prove that, with, ability on the part of the preacher, that method will succeed; but for ordinary cases the usual mode is preferable. Dr. Paiey who was a wise man said, in an address to the young clergy of the Diocese of Carlisle, “ Disdain not the old fashion of dividing your sermons