

It was, no doubt, cruel of the antiquary to chuckle in so grimly humorous a way over his nephew's misadventure. We are not unfrequently reminded of Hector when we see the contortions displayed by some of our recently seceded brethren at the merest hint of the name "United Presbyterians." We do not altogether wonder at the dislike to this name. There is not the least doubt that a feeling is springing up and gaining strength daily, that these people are not united, and there is every evidence of the intention of the majority of them to unload the ship of the Jonahs who have sought refuge therein from the plain and straight path of duty. But more provident and grippy than the mariners of Joppa, they have resolved, and even got an Act of Legislature to authorise it, to strip the Jonahs of their clothes before getting rid of them. Before long the truth of this will be proved, and we need not now speak more plainly.

If the name of United Presbyterians does not apply, and we accept the disclaimer of those who are in the new Church as to their not being united as a fact, there is a name to which they can certainly offer no valid objection. For our own part we can see no objection to the name "United Presbyterians," as a designation for a body which has displayed the teachings of that respectable branch of Christ's Church so prominently in the basis of Union. But, as none of the parties to the change can deny that a junction has taken place of new and old seceders from the Church of Scotland, the new body might very properly be called the United Secession, since they are united in that, if in nothing else.

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PERTH.—The adherents of the Church of Scotland in Perth have secured the Town Hall there for service. On the 13th and 20th ult, the Rev. Neil Brodie preached to good congregations with great acceptance, having been appointed by the Presbytery of Glengarry on a requisition from the congregation. The lamented death of Mr. McPherson, one of the elders, and a firm adherent of our Church, cast a gloom over the people. Measures are being taken to secure regular services, and for this purpose funds are being raised. Mr. Brodie, in accordance with instructions from the Presbytery, dispensed the sacrament of baptism, and officiated at the funeral of the late Mr. McPherson, besides doing other pastoral duty.

BALDERSTON'S CORNERS.—Services were held here on the 20th ult., by Mr. Brodie, in the School House, to a large and attentive congregation.

BAYFIELD AND VARNA.—On the 17th ult., the solemn ceremony of induction took place by the Presbytery of Hamilton, the Rev. John Moffat having received a call to this united charge. The call was most harmonious, and the congregation at the close of the services welcomed their new pastor cordially. Representatives of the Varna Congregation were present, the induction having taken place at Bayfield.

A suit has been entered by the seceders to obtain possession of the Church properties, but the Congregation have collected sufficient funds to defend their interests, and have secured legal assistance in Toronto.

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