

by contention in argument:—it ought to be seen indeed, if full justice were rendered to us, that we have no private personal interest in the question, and that motives of self-indulgence and love of present praise would prompt us to open the door to our competitors,—but if a sense of duty forbid it, we must take heed that we support our pretensions by our usefulness:—If our hearts cannot assure us that we are watchful, that we are circumspect, that we are so walking as “*that the Ministry be not blamed,*” and that we shall “*be well spoken of, of them that are without,*”—if we cannot say that we possess any spirituality of mind, or sincere devotedness of heart in the cause of Christ,—then let us lay our hands upon our mouths to stop the utterance of every claim, and look for no favor from God or Man:—Let it never be said or suspected that we have sought to be “*put into the Priest’s office for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread.*”—But I have done:—and I part with you in the comfortable conviction that if all earthly support were withdrawn, we should still be seen to labour as before, remembering that “*he that reapeth, receiveth wages*” of more worth than the world can give, “*and gathereth fruit UNTO LIFE ETERNAL.*”

I am,

My Christian Friends,

And Reverend Brethren,

Your affectionate Servant in the Gospel,

C. J. QUEBEC.

Quebec, 6th Dec. 1827.