

Has this plan been proposed? 1710!

*I do think this is a social question
I differ in opinion with the Dr. & B.*

ministers of the Scotch Church. Another individual, a steady and active friend of the Church of Scotland, also kindly stated to me, that, in the event of this plan being adopted, he would be happy to use what influence he had with the Scotch members in the House of Commons, to ensure a provision being made for the ministers of Lower Canada.

I respectfully submit this plan to the consideration of this Venerable House. It is our dernier resort, and I trust it will be adopted. One word more, and I have done. It must afford the utmost gratification to all united to us by religious and social relations, to know that the Church of Scotland in Canada has preserved itself with temper and firmness, and that, by the care and diligence of its pastors and people, it has advanced to a wide and influential system of religious benefits to society. If it has not had kings for its nursing fathers, nor queens for its nursing mothers, if power has not come to the brightness of its rising, yet the Church of Scotland, in common with all, has enjoyed the protection of wise laws under a free, and in many respects an indulgent, government. We have never been denied the evidence of respect from the authorities over us; and, if our Church has established itself without favour, it has also done so without fear and without reproach. While we are grateful to a protecting Providence, and sensible of the blessings of a protecting government ruling in its fear,—while we lament with humility that we can render these privileges only of so imperfect availment, we yet seem called upon to express our belief that there is derived to us from our country and National Church, rights in the lot of inheritance. God forbid that we should contend with unchristian zeal, possessed as we are of the privileges and advantages of the Gospel,—that we should draw doubt on our piety and patriotism by too great a hankering after secular concerns, involving no spiritual considerations,—or disturb even by such sentiments that general feeling of contentment which abounds in these provinces. We, in common with the most favoured religious bodies, rejoice to see that country advancing in the van of nations; we wish but to deliver the inheritance of our fathers to our children, whatever it may be; we ask neither the mountain of Hebron, nor the lot of Judah. And we may yet entertain the hope, that, if the plan I have respectfully submitted be adopted, these rights will in due season yet be made manifest.

There is one assurance that affords us comfort under all our trials,—that we are not forgotten in the temples and in the land of our fathers. Scotland hath not forgotten her children, nor could she be comforted if she thought they were not. We know her zeal and her affection in our behalf, and that by our patience

*Now? Doctor to study well the opinion of G. Hay
justice Elmaley in 1804 under the
to see Dr. Chubb's recitation books. I*