

mental item of our Church's Constitution is, "That a standing committee shall be named by the General Assembly to correspond with such churches in the colonies, for the purpose of giving advice ON ANY QUESTION with regard to which they may choose to consult the Church of Scotland, and affording them such aid as it may be in the power of the committee to give, in all matters affecting their rights and interests." We have, and claim the right that this fundamental principle of our ecclesiastical Constitution gives us to approach the Church of Scotland. This Mr. Robert Campbell, the Exposer of the Pretensions of Lang, Burnet & Co., has waived. He has resiled from that position, another change by the Union which is certainly not in favor of the claims of Mr. Robert Campbell being regarded as the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. What becomes of his Christian charity when he says: "It ought to be pretty clear that the people in the Mother Country should give no funds to 'the Seceders' as an organized Church." Let our people rejoice that, amid much that has handicapped us as a Church, the Church of Scotland has not forgotten to hold her old relations to the Church of Scotland in this Colony, but has generously administered to our need when deprived of our property, and has enabled us to maintain in the mission field four earnest and diligent missionaries. What we want is another pamphlet or two from Mr. Robert Campbell, St. Gab., Montreal; a few more cases of the Snodgrass stamp—somersaults enabling him and others to vault into pleasant retreats in Scotland, and then the people of the Mother Church will begin to understand who her friends are in the Dominion of Canada—those guilty of loud-mouthed braggadocio, or those who, holding on the quiet tenor of their way, desire to discharge their duty in that sphere in which it has pleased God to place them. In the discharge of that duty the Synod of 1877 took into their consideration an overture anent seceding ministers. "There was presented through the Committee on Bills and Overtures, an overture from the Presbytery of Glengarry, craving the Synod to call over the names of the Ministers who have withdrawn from this Church, who joined the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the Victoria Skating