

Scotland in Canada has always regarded, and with reason, an educated clergy as indispensable for the prosecution of the work devolving on them. And at this time more especially is an educated ministry required. A scientific infidelity, spreading everywhere by the universal diffusion of literature, has taken the place of gross and ignorant atheism. Yet the other Presbyterian bodies in this country have been, by their rules, reducing the standard of education required; have reduced it still further by their practice; have even admitted to ordination men who have not been trained at all. Is it probable that young men will enter Queen's or Morrin College, to spend laborious years in striving to qualify themselves for their profession, when they are practically told by the very professors that they may as well save themselves the trouble, as in the course of a year or two they will stand on no higher a level than those who have made no such effort?

There are not ministers coming forward to fill the vacant charges. What is this but one of the effects springing from the same cause? Men will not attach themselves to a decaying institution—one which they hear constantly proclaimed by its leaders as about to pass out of existence. It is well known to many, that a number of the best men belonging to the other Presbyterian body would have preferred to join the Church of Scotland in Canada. But why, they argued, should they become members of a Church about to be absorbed by another, when they could at once enter into communion with the more vigorous body, greatly as they might dislike much with which they would be brought into contact?

There is something in the other Presbyterian body which is wanting in the Church of Scotland in Canada. That may be affirmed with all confidence. There is a unity of purpose; an aggressive spirit; a determination on the part of the leaders of the other Church not to acknowledge weakness. These elements of success are wanting, thanks to the constant, unremitting work of a small party within the fold. The Canada Presbyterian Church is willing enough to listen to proposals for union; but with them that means the abolition, the blotting out, of the branch of the Church of Scotland here. They have heaped insult after in-