

never been considered by the authorities of Queen's. The house has not been even asked to consider what the change would involve, and yet it is so revolutionary that it is simple truth to say that if it had been pressed as a condition of union there would have been no union. Every one knew in 1874 that the authorities of Queen's would have been well pleased had the united Church assumed the responsibility of the whole University; but no one dreamed of proposing to divide the University into two and to have the Principal and other professors in the theological department appointed by one body, and the professors in the other faculties appointed by another body. That would amount to a change in the constitution of the University that no one who understands University life would advocate lightly or adopt without mature consideration. Thirdly, Mr. Clark admits that his amendment is "illogical." That ought to be its sufficient condemnation. He declares that the Assembly has no power to deal with our report and therefore that it is "illogical" to move that it be received. But, he entirely forgets that this is a union Church and—as I showed on Saturday—that the relations of the various Colleges to the Assembly is distinctly set forth by acts of Parliament. He should read section 7 of the Act of Parliament which preceded the union. Here it is, in part:—

"As soon as the said union takes place the corporation of Knox College shall stand in the same relation to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in which it now stands to the C. P. Church.

And the corporation of Queen's College shall in like manner stand in the same relation to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in which it now stands to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, and all the powers, rights and privileges hitherto exercised and enjoyed by the ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland as corporators of the said College and by the Synod of the said Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, in virtue of their relations respectively to Queen's College at Kingston, shall be exercised and enjoyed by the ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and by the Supreme Court of the said Presbyterian Church in Canada; provided always that the said united Church shall not be required to elect trustees for any Arts department in Queen's College aforesaid."

The Act goes on to treat of the Presbyterian College of Montreal and the corporation of Morrin College in the same way. Language cannot be more explicit. Well, one of the rights and privileges of the Supreme Court of the Church was to deal with the annual report of Queen's. That right was not taken away, and therefore it remains. Apart from the one exception named in the Act, this Assembly is to take the same interest in Queen's that the old Synod took. The amendment is certainly "illogical." Either the Assembly is free to deal with our report or it is not. If it is, Mr. Clark admits that he has no case. If it is not, how can he contend that the Assembly has