

not also deeply "regret," and decidedly and publicly *reprehend*, and *condemn*, and *disclaim*, the ALONE CAUSE of that "discussion"! namely, the *disrespectful*, and *virulent*, and *unrelenting*, and *persevering*, and *unprovoked*, and *unresisted*, and UNJUSTIFIABLE attacks, upon our body, week after week, which were made by their own Conference journal. These attacks were made upon us, with, at least, the *tacit consent* of all *the leading men* of their body—and at a time, when naught but kindness was in our hearts respecting them. Be it also remembered, that they were attacks made upon us, when it was hoped and believed, that we were absolutely—*incapable* of any defence!

The recent deputation from the Canada Conference to the Parent body in England, have shared in my sincerest prayers for their safe and satisfactory voyage. But, if any one supposes that the thousands of our respected friends in this District, can regard with approval any kind of *identification* with the Canada Conference, without the most decided and most honest condemnation, on the part of that body, of the disreputable attacks of their organ upon us, "during the last few months," I fear he will find himself to be a most mistaken individual. To be altogether insensible to such an outrage, I should deem to be no virtue. To forgive its authors all the evil that they intended to do us thereby, will be, on our part, a most agreeable duty. But they will best consult their own character, by some suitable reparation, to the wounded feelings of their fellow-colleagues, and fellow-christians.

In your journal of July 1st, a distinguished minister of your body has stated that my course of defence is disapproved by certain members of the British Conference. It may be added, that those parties have not had my own explanations of the reasons which have actuated me therein. This I may with truth affirm, however, that the assailed reputation of that venerable body, has been my chief object of defence! That defence will shortly be in pamphlet form; in which I shall show that that minister's attack upon the correctness of my statement is perfectly without any real foundation.

It is said that, at the last Conference, the late editor was far more generally censured for allowing me so much *liberty of defence*, than for himself taking so great a *license of attack*. On that account, I am bound to respect him. I have regarded him as only doing the work that he was *expected* to do, and was *never publicly reproved for doing*. I must consider him, as principally blamed for having afforded to us, that liberal opportunity of defence, which some would have denied to us!

After the Rev. G. F. PLAYTER's first few *discourteous* references to myself, we had occasional personal intercourse; and I have the sincerest pleasure in hereby tendering to him, and also to the obliging and talented Printer of your journal, my thanks for gratifying civilities, in connection with the insertion of my communications. To yourself, also, Mr. Editor, it is with great cheerfulness that I make a similar acknowledgement. And I beg to remain, Rev. and Dear Sir, your affectionate fellow-servant, for Christ's sake,

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