

Do not Calvinistic divines believe that God has decreed to save a number which is so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished, and has passed by the rest and left them to perish? Of what then are they afraid? They cannot be afraid, lest some of the elect should fail of reaching heaven, for surely they cannot entertain the idea that any pestilent heresy that may at any time arise can alter God's decrees. As to the non-elect, they are passed by, and left to perish, at any rate, and so heresy cannot injure them. Of what then, we again ask, are they afraid? Do they hold *in words* what *in fact* they deny?

We are in a position to state that many of the divines of England, and some in Scotland, and some in Canada, look with favour on the rising denomination of the E. U. Numbers of E. U. ministers are labouring in connection with Congregational churches in England. Dr. Campbell, "a leading divine" of the Congregational body in England, speaks of the Rev. John Guthrie, M. A., an E. U. minister, who some time ago, accepted a call to the pastorate of the Independent Church, assembling in Tolmers Square Chapel, London, "as a master in Israel, a man of sterling character and distinguished powers." The Rev. Thomas Gilfillan, Congregational minister, Scotland, at a soiree in connection with the E. U. Church, Aberdeen, of which the venerable Fergus Ferguson senr., is pastor, held Oct. 9, 1863, in his address, "characterized the expulsion of the ministers and students in 1843 as one of the grossest mistakes ever perpetrated by the Church, and expressed a hope that the day may not be far distant when the bonds of union would be again cemented, and all brought together again to fight in the one great common cause." The Rev. David Arthur, another Congregational minister, reiterated the sentiments of Mr. Gilfillan. The E. U. theology, it seems, is not exciting the "deepest fears" of these divines. We have heard more than one Congregational minister in Canada, express similar sentiments. But the E. U. body is prepared to hold its theology, whether smiled on by friends, or frowned on by foes. They believe that they have the truth, and the approbation of God in defending and diffusing it. If the E. U. theology is exciting the "deepest fears" of some Calvinistic divines in England and Scotland, that is no evidence that it is false. The teaching and preaching of Jesus excited the "deepest fears" of the orthodox party of that day, the Scribes and Pharisees. The preaching of Luther and the Reformers excited the "deepest fears" of the Roman Catholics, whose