

## PART II.\*

" 'Tis done !—dread Winter spreads his latest gloom  
And reigns tremendous o'er the conquer'd year—  
How dead the venerable Kingdom lies !  
How dumb the tuneful ? Horror wide extends  
His desolate domain ! "

Such desolation and horror have at last overspread our beloved Zion ! Since addressing a former congregation, in P. E. Island, on this subject, the great desolation has come—her foes have accomplished their task :

" Now in Canada's wilds the standard of Zion  
All bloody and torn mid the desert is lying ! "†

" Oh ! that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people ! " Would I had never heard—might never tell the tale of crime unfolded in the betrayal of Zion ! But when I see the desolation that has befallen her—our holy and beautiful House broken down—and the sanctuary of our faith, the palladium of our liberties trodden under foot—when I see tyranny in the name of law, and communism under the mask of religion robbing us of our rights and possessions—when I see my countrymen, like Israel in Babylon, plunged in sorrow, and spoilers mocking at their distress—when I see all this oppression I cannot forbear lifting up my voice against it. And my feelings of indignation, which are shared by all right-minded people, have only been intensified a hundred-fold by what I have seen of the *extent* of our people's sufferings in a visit I lately made among them, both in the Lower and Upper Provinces. Everywhere I heard the same complaints. Men on the shores of the Atlantic, and those on the shores of Huron, a thousand miles apart, told me one and the same tale—that the " Union " was the greatest evil that had ever befallen them, that the people never desired it, that it was a plot of ministers to promote their own ends, and that they were sick-tired of half-taught lay preachers. In Prince Edward Island, where I re-visited my former congregation, they told me that the dissatisfaction was so great, that in three months after " Union," they demanded to be re-connected with the Church of Scotland. The " Union " there has been a complete failure, and

\* Delivered at Bayfield and St. Stephen's Scotch Church Lo don, Dec. 1876.

† Cameronian's Dream.