

move in a *new direction*; that the attempt to overthrow a British Church was only a feint, preparatory to making an attack on other British institutions. If so, then their "Unionism" is simply "Fenianism" appearing among us under a new name! and well does it become your Honours, as Lawgivers of the land, and responsible to your Queen and country, to frown on such a movement, fraught with danger which we cannot foresee, but which, matured a little more, and carried out to the full extent their *Voluntary* principles lead, may yet require to be settled by the British sword.

23. Because of the claims of the Church of Scotland herself to your regard and that of all enlightened Canadians. These claims as we fully stated, spring not from her status as an Established church, (and the more I see of the horrors of voluntarism in America the more I prize the blessing of an Established church) not from her historical renown, her Catholic spirit, and world-wide labours, but from her long assiduous labours of love in the Vineyard of Canada itself.

24. Because the best interests of Canada demand the maintenance of the Church of Scotland. As to her *material* interests what does she require? Population: to obtain which her agents are abroad. And where? chiefly to that nursery of great men, Scotland. And what say they? Speaking lately at Edinburgh their words are, "Come to Canada where you may have all the land you clear." But Scotchmen are religious men, and prize their Kirk more than all the land in Canada. Should they hear then that your Parliament has sanctioned the spoiling of their Kirk, your agents may whistle loud and long before they wile them to your shores. Thus Canada loses the best population, and her progress is retarded indefinitely.

Above all do the *spiritual* interests of Canada demand its continuance. Canada like all new countries is overrun with adventurers of every creed, while her proximity to the United States renders her dangerously exposed to evil influences emanating from irreligious classes in that land. And especially when a scientific infidelity is spreading around, and when dissenting sects are reducing the standard of education, and even admitting to their desks (they have no pulpits!) men who were never trained, of all things in the world Canada most requires a learned, sound, and gospel ministry, like that of the Kirk of Scotland, to counteract the evil influences abroad. And still more when we look at her extensive regions in the North-west only beginning to be opened up, where the settlers, few and far between, are unable to support a Gospel ministry, and where, for an indefinite period to come, they will require external aid,—the benefits of connection with the wealthy and philanthropic Church of Scotland are incalculable. That Church, through her Colonial Committee, supplies the want so much needed, and which none other can supply, by sending *at her own expense*, faithful and learned ministers to preach the Gospel to the poor, "without money and without price." In the best interests of the Dominion then, both *material* and *spiritual*, your honors will act wisely in protecting and encouraging the National Kirk of Scotland.

Finally,—Because every sentiment of honor and justice combine to make you reject the Bills, (Bills so unjust that they were rejected at first by the Private Bills' Committee of the Legislative Council of Quebec). Your high vocation as Protectors of every right, sacred and civil, is a sufficient guarantee that you will protect our Church against her aggressors. Although we are the minority, that alters not the merits of the case. In England, for example, a like attempt was made lately to unite certain bodies named the *English* and the *United Presbyterians*, but a *small minority* of the latter, refusing to cut their historical con-