

## A PLAIN STATEMENT, &c.

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WE offer no apology for placing before the public, a plain and dispassionate exposition of the principal incidents connected with the Union of the British with the Canadian Conference, and of the causes which have recently resulted in its dissolution. None, we are persuaded, will, under the circumstances, be deemed necessary. From the momentous nature of the interests involved, as also from the character and tendency of the statements published, both in England and in this Country, by the Reverend Messieurs W. and E. Ryerson, it is matter of regret, that circumstances have precluded our more prompt discharge of a duty so imperiously demanded by the position we now occupy. We are anxious, as much as possible, to avoid mixing up any extraneous matters with the points which vitally affect the questions at issue, and not less so, to omit nothing which may, in our estimation, be essential or conducive to a just and adequate conception of the real grounds upon which the British Conference has deliberately judged a further perpetuation of the Union with the Canadian Conference impracticable. In stating this we would, as men and Ministers of God, bear in mind, that it is due to the sacredness and majesty of truth, rather to permit her interests for a while to suffer, than to attempt her defence or advancement with any other weapons than those which her own armoury supplies. Our highest wish, in connection with this painful affair, will be completely attained, if "by manifestation of the truth," we can "commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."