

our pious solicitude. Wherever these exist, it is our bounden duty and legitimate ambition to supply them with the ministrations of the Gospel, as far and as well as we can. If, in planting churches and securing ministers for their benefit, other Presbyterians avail themselves of the means of grace which they cannot otherwise enjoy, it would be extreme folly and sin to exclude them, especially considering the claim put forward by the members of the Free Church, or this writer in their behalf, to be regarded as zealous unionists. But what, we ask, has been the history of the Free Church but a history of aggressive extension? Hitherto we have had many difficulties to contend with. Year after year we have suffered severely by the mortality of our clergymen, and we have been able to do little more than supply their places. The Free Church, in the meantime, have not been idle in availing themselves of the means at their command, furnished in no inconsiderable measure by their Church at Home. They have been aggressively extending themselves in places where we have had people who were, neither by inclination nor principle, their adherents, but who were not so bigoted as not to avail themselves of the ministrations provided for them by another Presbyterian community.

Once more, the writer of this extract calls these pecuniary resources "unspiritual weapons." But for the inconsistency of this language with the great importance and urgent necessity attached to a larger supply of money in a previous part of his article, we might feel ourselves inclined to offer space for an advertisement, that henceforth the Church to which he belongs is to be eminently "free," inasmuch as, denouncing pecuniary resources as unscriptural weapons, they are determined to do without them. We confess ourselves to be wanting in that acuteness of discernment which can distinguish between money received in two different ways, equally honest and just, as spiritual and unspiritual. We have always been accustomed to think that the more money at the disposal of a Church the better, provided it be properly acquired and expended; and neither at Home nor here can the Free Church plead exemption from anxiety and zeal to possess themselves of as much of the needful as possible. We do not envy them the drudgery of the wholesale system of beggary to which they have been obliged to resort, nor the reflections which are suggested to us by the fact that many a dollar, the profits of traffic in slaves, was thankfully received into their treasury. But money is only the circulating representative of property. And the world knows how tenacious was the grasp with which the Free Church retained for a time a large amount of property to which they had no claim equitable or legal. Are there no instances in these colonies of their resorting to weapons that may well be

designated unscriptural? Do they not freely avail themselves of churches that belong to the community they have left? In the city of Montreal there is a snug and comfortable manse, erected before the Free Church was thought of, for the benefit of the minister of a church which, if the recorded intentions of its founders are worthy of any respect, was built in connection with the Church of Scotland, and designed to be occupied by a minister of that Church, and which cannot be alienated without recourse to legal technicalities and quibbling. In that church a "Free" minister officiates, and on this ground he is thought to be entitled to the occupancy of the aforesaid manse. But it seems that connection with the Free Church has a wonderful effect in transforming the character of things—in making that, which is material, spiritual, and that, which is dishonest, perfectly fair.

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Montreal, 28th January, 1858.

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