

appreciate the personal sacrifice involved in a transition such as, for their benefit, their beloved pastor has undergone—but we are equally assured that the people of his charge will “love him for his work’s sake,” and emulate each other in their efforts to animate and encourage him in his “labour of love.” To no spot in Canada can we ever turn with such interest as that in which our esteemed brother has been thus providentially called “to preach the gospel” and “to feed the Church of God,”—and it is our fervent prayer that his self denying efforts, in that most important sphere, may be crowned with the abundant and effectual blessing of Him “whom he serves in the gospel of His Son.”

MORMONISM.—We regret to learn by a communication from L’Original, that this monstrous heresy has found some countenance in that neighbourhood, and that a few individuals have embraced the crude absurdities of the impostor of Nauvoo. Our correspondent supplies us with the following account of a meeting held for the purpose of counteracting this delusion. It appears that eleven persons had been dipped by the Mormon teacher on the same day. The only effectual cure of ignorance is knowledge, and these works of darkness can only be seen in their deformity, by letting in upon them the strong and steady light of evangelical truth. Surely enough is now ascertained as to the personal character and public proceedings of Joseph Smith, to induce on the part of all rational men, contempt for him as a knave, or compassion for him as a maniac. These delusions are to be regarded as the *ignes fatui* which disport themselves amidst the stagnant marshes of ignorance and depravity, which are never tangible, and always vanish, by the progressive cultivation of the moral soil. Effects are best prevented by the removal of their causes, and so long as our beloved brethren faithfully proclaim and zealously diffuse “the truth as it is in Jesus,” we have no fear that such wretched delusions as that of Mormonism can ever extensively prevail.

Before the public immersion referred to, at the suggestion of the Rev. W. Fraser of Bredalbane, the ministers in the surrounding neighbourhood agreed to hold a meeting at the Congregational Church in this village, with a view to express their sentiments in

relation to the system of Mormonism, and so to warn the public mind of the pernicious errors which to some had been made plausible. Accordingly on Monday evening the 12th ultimo, a public meeting was held at L’Original, when about three hundred persons assembled in the church already named. The Pastor of the Congregational Church, and the Rev. Mr. Baynan, Methodist Minister, engaged in the introductory devotional exercises. The Rev. Mr. Gregor, Presbyterian Minister, was called to the chair, and after making some appropriate remarks relative to the object of the meeting, called upon the Rev. Mr. Fraser, Baptist Minister, who was the chief speaker of the evening. He dilated for two hours and a half on the errors of the system, and very clearly and faithfully exposed them. Having had a long interview with the teacher of this error, and being acquainted with the professed revelations of the sect, he was requested to occupy the principal part of the evening, and he did it with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of his audience. The Rev. Mr. Baynan followed, whose observations strengthened and confirmed what had already been stated. The Rev. W. McKilligan, Congregational Minister, made a few remarks, as did also the Rev. Mr. Byrne, who, in addition to his observations read a letter professing to give the origin of what is called the Mormon Bible.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—It is matter of unfeigned thankfulness to all who “rejoice in the truth,” and long for its unfettered and unlimited diffusion, that the Evangelical Ministers of this Church are rapidly emerging from the difficulties in which their collisions with the State have recently involved them. Whilst utterly unable to sympathize with their conscientious views as to the alleged *encroachments* of the civil courts, we hail with joy their avowed determination to forego the secular advantages of their compact with the State, rather than continue to crouch as ministers of Christ, in base subserviency to the dictation of the civil magistrate, in matters pertaining to the exclusive jurisdiction of the King of Zion. May they be endowed with the moral courage essential to the completion of the work to which they are now formally and solemnly committed,—and by nobly refusing the *pay*, to emancipate