

repeatedly affirmed by Dr. George himself a few years since, when I assert that such a union is altogether incompatible with an adherence to the Church of Scotland. The two things cannot co-exist: the Church of Scotland will not, and cannot accept of a divided affection: the very inception of a scheme of union with other bodies is an act of treachery towards the parent Church. No doubt the Doctor will insist upon provision being made for the admittance of ministers from the Established Church into the new body, without being subjected to any very disagreeable ordeal; but the like privileges must be also yielded to ministers from the Free Church, the Presbytery of Ulster, and the U. P. Church besides. I hold it impossible for Dr. George to make any arrangement, such as to enable ministers joining him from the Church of Scotland to retain their *status* in that Church.

If the laity of Canada are as firmly attached to the Church of the fatherland as the people of this province are, assuredly they will lose confidence in their Church Courts, a result which must operate injuriously on all their schemes. I believe many of their clergymen are even now pensioners on the bounty of the parent Church; and we know that Queen's College has been mainly supported by her funds. In the face of what has happened, will they still venture to draw upon her funds?

When Professor George was in Pictou, a General Assembly, comprising the Synods of the Lower Provinces, was his all-engrossing theme. "It was the only desirable union." "It was the only union compatible with a connection with the Church of Scotland." "Straws," it is said, "will indicate the direction in which the wind blows." Does not the sudden dismissal of the "Committee on the formation of a General Assembly" by the Synod indicate unmistakably the "change" that has come over the spirit of the Doctor's dreams, and the direction in which the Synod of Canada is fast drifting?

I trust we will hear of no more of our young men being sent to Queen's College for their education. If they do go, depend upon it they will return to us with minds inoculated with feelings of indifference towards the Church of Scotland.

K. M. J.

ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES, BY THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN CANADA.

We were much gratified at the dignified and delicious bearing of the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Moderator of the Canadian Synod, on the occasion of the presentation of addresses to the Prince at Montreal. It is known to most of our readers that the Governor-General, who does not seem to possess too much of *suaviter in modo*, interrupted the Doctor when he was about to commence the reading

of his address, with an intimation that he must be satisfied to give it in without being read, and receive a written reply at some future time. This discourtesy was the more marked, as addresses from the Churches of England and Rome had just been read and answered on the spot, so that Dr. Mathieson, with a feeling and spirit for which he has our best thanks, calmly but politely declined to present the address of his Church on such degrading terms.

The respect of the Queen for the Church of Scotland is universally known, and we have no doubt that that respect is shared by her amiable and accomplished son. Indeed, when he resided for a short time at Edinburgh, he was a regular and apparently devout attendee at one of the city churches, and his royal mother always attends the Established Church when in Scotland, and once administered such a rebuke to the late Bishop of London, who ventured to find fault with her for so doing, that it is not likely soon to be imitated. To ignore the Church of Scotland in our colonies was, therefore, anything but complimentary to the feelings of the illustrious visitor, and we are glad to find that the firm attitude taken by Dr. Mathieson, so far from injuring him, has gained him respect even from those in authority. The Duke of Newcastle at once hastened to rectify the blunder, and to express the pleasure the Prince would have in receiving the Deputation in Kingston. In the Address itself there is little to distinguish it from the mass of others, either in expression or sentiment, but the answer is particularly gracious. We give it below.

REPLY.

"It is with much satisfaction that I receive the address which you have presented to me on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland. You are too well acquainted with the views and feelings of the Queen not to be aware how anxious she is for everything that can promote the religion and morality of her people, and how earnestly she watches the result of the labour of those who devote themselves to teaching the word of God. She will therefore rejoice to learn from your own lips that the ministers of your persuasion are training their people in the paths of piety and virtue, and in habits of loyalty to the Sovereign and obedience to the laws. I trust that their efforts in common with those of the other Churches of this land, may long prosper, and that under their care a population may be reared fearing God and honouring the Queen. I beg you will accept my thanks for imploring the blessing of Heaven on my behalf."

GENERAL ITEMS.

BURIAL PLACE OF JOHN KNOX.—In his discourse at the opening of the Tri-Centenary