

missioners would suffice ; and the necessary cost of carrying the whole ably and respectably into effect, would require but a trifling contribution from each petitioner. It is not going out of bounds to reckon on ten thousand petitioners ; and a dollar from each, would make up a sum adequate for every charge. I should recommend the subscriptions and payments to commence at the first township meetings—the money to be paid to the clerks, who should keep in hand one-seventh, for local and incidental disbursements, and pay over the remainder to a Treasurer, to be appointed in each district, by the representatives, at their first meeting. Beyond making choice of representatives and clerks, the less that is done at township meetings the better ; debate, of all things, should be avoided. The clerks should minute transactions, and keep a list of subscribers, which should be immediately published in the nearest newspaper within the province, and week after week, in the same manner, should be reported additions. The public would thus, at once, see the strength and growth of the cause, as well as have vouchers for the payment of cash. Every transaction should be plain, downright, and open to view or inspection—every principle should be declared—every proceeding be made known.

The simplicity of all this, and the ease with which it may be accomplished, is obvious : to go into more minute detail, at present, would be wasting time. No man, by joining the cause, can lose more than a dollar ; and no responsibility is incurred. As I take upon me to name the day of meeting for this township of Niagara, so that meeting may appoint days for the meetings of other townships, and for the district meetings ; seeing that it can be matter of no consequence who settles such points, provided the business thereby, has a fair chance of commencement, and that the whole system of petitioning may proceed without doubt or delay. No man, upon such solemn occasion, should say, " I am greater than

another, and will not be seen acting with him : " no one should say, " I am less, and therefore presume not to set myself forward." On such an occasion, and under such circumstances as the present, every party and every personal prejudice, should be put down ; every eye should be resolutely bent on the one thing needful—a radical change of system in the government of Upper Canada.

I address myself particularly to Landowners, because their interests are most deeply involved ; but every man resident in Canada—every man who is a lover of peace—who desires to see their country independent of the United States—who desires to see a worthy connexion maintained between this Province and Britain—every man, in short, who has a spark of sincerity or patriotism in his soul, has now sufficient cause to bestir himself.

There was a time when Israel was famished with intense drought. Day after day, and week after week, the uncovered sun rose, only to frighten the nation, and open more wide the yawning fissures of the scorched earth :—there was yet, however, faith in Israel ; and the faith of a few, brought, at last, salvation to the expiring multitude. Let not the ancient record be lost to these modern days ; let not the signs and figures of the material world be thrown aside, as vain emblems, illustrations, and manifestations of the will, the power and the goodness of God. He never deserts his creatures while they are true to themselves, and faithful to him, while they honorably put to use the Divine gifts of rationality. The course to be pursued, by the people of this province, at the present juncture, is so clear, that he who runs may read : they have only to put trust in the success of their own virtuous endeavors ; and success will as surely follow as day succeeds to-night. Yes, worthy inhabitants of this township of Niagara, you may begin the necessary work with confidence. The little cloud which rose from the horizon, at first no bigger than a man's