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CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

One of the pleas set up by the seceders from our Church, and which has repeatedly been made use of is, that there never has been any real connection between our Church and the Church of Scotland; that it has been a merely fanciful title meaning nothing, and that the words *in connection with the Church of Scotland*, might as well have been out of the name of our Church as not, for any good they did, or for any meaning they had. The same argument has now been made use of in a formal plea of law, in the case raised by the Rev. Gavin Lang against the Temporalities' Board, the defendants believing that to be a sufficient reason for resisting the claims of those who still maintain the existence of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Let it be admitted that the plea is valid; that we have never had any connection with the Church of Scotland, but that the whole thing is a sham and a pretence. What follows? Are those who take this ground prepared to descend into the depths of infamy which the acknowledgment implies? Are they prepared to admit that for years they trumped up claims on the Clergy Reserves that were fraudulent, and that with a lie in their right hands they applied to the Legislatures for grants, on grounds which they now declare to have been utterly false and unfounded? It is for these gentlemen to say so, not for us. We have all along maintained that there has been, and that there still exists, a substantial connection between the Mother Church in Scotland, and the daughter in the Colonies. We may have been mistaken. But if so we are guiltless. They may be right. But if so what words can describe the infamy of their conduct.

In the present article we have only room to touch the fringe of the question. We shall probably enter more fully into it hereafter. We, however, give a few facts directly bearing on this question.