

Popish and semi-infidel liberalism so eagerly combining with the Erastianism of the State to work her overthrow, we cannot altogether suppress the apprehension that momentous changes will result in some of her external relations. But for her suffering in such a cause and its issue we give way, no not for a moment, either to fear or despondency!!! On the contrary, we cherish the hope that she will come out of the trial as gold purified by the fire, and that her martyr-testimony will awaken a reforming spirit in those lands where the domination of the civil power has long subverted the liberty and corrupted the purity of the Church of Christ.

These sentiments were confirmed by the Synod at Montreal, in 1842, in the words of the following resolution:—

That the Synod, continuing to cherish the sentiments recorded by them during last Session respecting the struggle which the Parent Church is at present maintaining against the encroachments of the Civil power, and cordially concurring in the great principles asserted in the resolutions passed by the Commission of the General Assembly, at their meeting held on the 25th of August, 1841, and communicated to this Synod, instruct the Committee of Correspondence to give unequivocal expression to the views of the Synod in this respect in the letter which is now to be transmitted to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sympathizing, as you perceive we had so ardently and unanimously done with the cause of the majority of the General Assembly before the separation, when a separation was made, and two several churches stood forth in the father land, each claiming to be the true Church of Scotland, and of our fathers, another question was unavoidably raised, which of these churches shall we acknowledge? With which hold communion? or enter into connection? The new church, that issued out of the disruption, dis-established, cast off from state connection and patronage, despoiled of temporal endowments, was the undoubted successor and true representative of the pure faith and primitive order of the ancient constitutional scriptural church of our fathers.

This is not my statement, but the unanimous, unequivocal decision of the Synod of Canada, including the