

With respect to the charge against the same individual of having practically superseded the Rev. Joseph Stinson, as President—since the preceding statements so fully sustain it by incidental evidence—since it is fully admitted and attempted to be justified by Mr. Ryerson himself—and, furthermore, since it is not alluded to in those “principles and regulations,” by the acquiescence of the Canadian Representatives in which the *immediate* dissolution of the union might have been prevented, it is quite unnecessary further to task the patience of the reader by canvassing its merits.

Deeply as many may regret the unyielding opposition of those Representatives to the reasonable proposals by which the Union might, for the present at least, have been preserved, we can only sympathise with that feeling on account of the principles and spirit by which their opposition was prompted. As those principles and that spirit still existed, it was better they should be made fully manifest. Already had they preyed as a moral gangrene on the vitals of the Union—already had they destroyed every particle of cement that kept the two bodies together, and sundered every bond of their honourable association.

Amid every injury, and wrong, and provocation, however, sustained by our Fathers and Brethren in England, throughout this most trying business, and notwithstanding they felt it their duty to express so strong an opinion on the various grounds of grievance and complaint exhibited in the preceding pages, it is still their most anxious desire to cultivate, and in every proper way to express, towards their Canadian brethren that charity which “suffereth long and is kind.” This desire, we are happy to perceive, has not been extinguished nor even abated by the tissue of misrepresentation and calumny contained in the pamphlet published by the Messrs. Ryerson, on the eve of their departure from England.

In proof and illustration of this, the Special Committee to which the Conference remitted the management of this affair, has since that period unanimously adopted among other resolutions the following :

—“That it was, as already expressed, the earnest wish of this Committee to adjust in a friendly manner, and in conjunction with the Representatives of the Upper Canadian Conference, those measures which might be requisite or desirable to prevent painful collision between the two connexions; and while it is deeply

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