

shall welcome them on these occasions. If we could say it without their hearing us and imagining that we were anxious to make an *extra effort* just now, we would say "Come out, brethren, your wives and your little ones, that they may carry back with them a good report of us to them that sent them!"

The special object of their visit to the Canadian churches, we had hoped would have been set forth in our pages, in a communication from Dr. Mullens himself, but up to the latest moment, much to our regret, it has failed to reach us. We need do nothing, however, beyond commending them, as we most heartily do, to the cordial support of the denomination.

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### THAT LETTER.

The Rev. Robert Wilson writes us, demanding, "as a matter of *simple justice*" to him, that we now publish the letter to which we ventured to make allusion in our critique upon him in our last issue. We do so reluctantly, for his own sake, inasmuch as Mr. Wilson places himself thereby on either horn of a very unpleasant dilemma. We certainly never charged him with dishonesty in the article by which he felt so much aggrieved in our May number, neither did we "speak evil" of our brother, or "judge" him, contrary to the spirit of the Epistle to which he directs us. If, therefore, he had, as he asserts, a "conscience void of offence" in the change he has made, our closing paragraph expressly excepts all such cases from censure, and he has no just ground for offence; if he had not, he does perfectly right in taking the rebuke to himself.

His retort about the number of ministers we have received from other denominations makes nothing either for or against his case. If they came over to us conscientiously, they did right; if otherwise, they did wrong. But this, at least, was not required of them: they were not required to subscribe to a creed and to preach a gospel contrary, in some important particulars, to the most cherished convictions of a life time. We subjoin Mr. Wilson's letter.

[PRIVATE.]

To Rev. John Wood.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I address you as such, although you have all but christianized me. You have given me a stab in the dark. Why had you not the *manliness* to mention my name? I have been thirty-five years in the ministry, and it is the first time I have been charged with *dishonesty*. An article on CHURCH HONESTY might be of some practical value. I can, however, bear up under the dark and deadly insinuation, for in the whole matter I have "a conscience void of offence." It will be to the advantage of religion and Congregationalism that I make no reply.

How many ministers have you received from other denominations? How many churches have driven ministers from your denomination?

As we are under law to Christ, will you ponder the following:—James iv., 11, 12. Also, "Love thinketh no evil; believeth all things; hopeth all things."

Still yours in the best of bonds.

ROBERT WILSON.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Prince Edward Island,  
25th May, 1870.