

particular charge of any of the preachers in their stations." (Waters' Life. P. 103. 104. 105.) Your Committee presume that these authorities without adducing any more, (which they could easily do) are quite sufficient to wipe from the names of the Superintendents of the M. E. Church, the filth of envious insinuations, and to shield their characters from the attacks of incensed calumny; as also to show that their authority is the same now as it was in the days of the venerable founder of Methodism. As to the advantage of our Episcopal Government and its apostolic purity, Your Committee feel a peculiar pleasure in introducing the following sentiments of eminent Wesleyan Methodists. The oldest surviving cotemporary and bosom friend of Mr. Wesley, the Rev. Henry Moore, observes, "Mr. Wesley gave to those *episcopoi* (bishops) whom he *ordained*, the modest, but highly expressive title of *Superintendents*, and desired that no other might be used. That the Lord has greatly blessed this boon to the American Societies, is evident by their great and continued increase. The numbers in the various societies when Dr. Coke went over, were about fifteen thousand. Six years after they had increased to nearly seventy thousand; and in the year 1820, they were two hundred thousand. That our brethern in that office are true *scriptural bishops*, I have *no doubt at all*; nor do I wish that the *title* should be relinquished as it is grown into use, and is known by every person in the U. S. to designate men distinguished only by their simplicity and abundant labours." (Moore's Life of Wesley, Vol. II. P. 198. 203.) "At the British Conference held in Liverpool, in 1820 (says the amiable Dr. Emory) we heard the profoundly learned Dr. Adam Clarke, and that most able and eloquent divine, the Rev. Richd. Watson, express themselves publicly before the conference in relation to our Episcopacy to the same effect, as a true, actual, scriptural Episcopacy, of the most genuine and apostolic character." (Defence of our Fathers, p. 48.) From the foregoing references and authenticated facts (which might very easily be multiplied), your Committee presume that every unprejudiced mind must be satisfied that the Methodist Church in Canada is not directly or