

the considerations which rendered such an arrangement, at that period expedient, the following reasons are stated, in a letter addressed by our Missionary Secretaries to the Rev. Messrs. R. Williams and other British Missionaries in Canada :

" 1. That the Upper Province is *so adequately supplied* by the American Conference, as not to present that pressing case of necessity which will justify us in expending our funds upon it.

" 2. That Mr. Emory has engaged, that *its full supply* by American Preachers, shall be, as far as possible, attended to."

In connexion with these reasons for the course which was then adopted, the following Resolutions of the Missionary Committee in London, may here be introduced, as more distinctly illustrative of the obligations which their arrangement with the Methodist Episcopal Church of America involved, and of their deliberate apprehensions of their duty in reference to this Province, under the materially altered circumstances in which they were placed when the Upper Canada Conference became independent.

*Resolutions of a Committee, held in London, February, 1832.*

" Certain Resolutions of the Board of Missions, connected with the Upper Canada Conference, objecting to the Committee's employing Missionaries in Upper Canada and among the Indians, having been read at the last Meeting of the Committee, and the Treasurers and Secretaries having been requested to confer with Messrs. Ryerson and Jones upon this subject, they Report as follows :—

" 1. That with respect to the 'understanding' alleged in the said Resolutions to exist between the British and Canadian Conferences, that the Missionaries of the former were to confine their labours to Lower Canada, and leave the Upper Province to the exclusive occupation of the Canadian Conference, they informed Messrs. Ryerson and Jones that *no such understanding could exist, inasmuch as the former compact between the United States General Conference ceased upon an independent Conference being established for Upper Canada*, and that when it was proposed by Mr. Capers to the British Conference of 1828, to make a similar agreement with the Canada Conference, it was *declined*.

" 2. That ever since that time, the Committee have felt themselves fully at liberty to occupy any station in Upper Canada, to which they might have such a call as would warrant them to embrace it, with just regard to those general principles of respect to the useful application of funds, and the relation of any body of British Emigrants, Members of our Societies, and attached to our discipline.

" 3. That the great change of circumstances as to Upper Canada, since the agreement with the States General Conference, especially in respect of the immense