



The Methodist New Connexion.

"Honesty will never shrink from responsibility."---Mr. Kilham.

Among the events of last year, the rise of this regenerated branch of the Wesleyan body claims our special notice, and must be cheering to every friend of religious freedom. The blind and infatuated despotism of the Canada Conference has, we rejoice to find, begun to work its own cure. A few of the more consistent and zealous of the members of the Church in Toronto had laboured disinterestedly, through the Press, to effect some salutary scriptural changes, and particularly such as would afford a check against the errors and infirmities of their leaders—their natural tendency, as long and painful experience had shown, to the abuse of governing power. The appeals of those members, however, were treated only with silent contempt; and when a few of them, at the great University meeting, publicly opposed the schemes of their leading Preachers, on the question of Education, a crusade was set on foot to shut their mouths, or to "put them out of the synagogue." As patriotic and Christian freemen, having failed by the patient exercise of moral means to remove the evil which was destroying their own peace and ruining the body, they determined to remove from it, and, as if a special Providence attended the movement, they unexpectedly and at once obtained the services of a preacher whose views and feelings on the question of Church Government were in perfect accordance with their own—a preacher of the New Connexion. They then obtained the temporary use of the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, and immediately organised a respectable Society, obtained good public audiences, and soon after (on the 25th August) laid the foundation of an edifice for public worship, which, while it will be an ornament to the city, will be no less a noble monument to their praise and honour as the zealous advocates and friends of religious liberty. The wood-cut at the head of this article presents the front elevation of this beautiful structure. The distinguishing characteristic of this body commends itself to the conscience