

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL
CHURCH IN UPPER CANADA,**

Dear Brethren,

THROUGH various sources you have learned the dissatisfaction of Mr. Ryan with the proceedings of the Canada Conference. These facts appeared as well in various printed Circulars, as in his verbal expressions, both public and private.

The complaints of Mr. Ryan having been frequent and loud, you might have expected from your Pastors an earlier explanation of the proceedings of their Conference in his case. But they were chiefly hoping that angry feelings would subside, and beside, they were unwilling to introduce publicly the failings of a Brother who had been esteemed as a Minister among us. The continued complaints, then, and the severe censures of Mr. Ryan, are the occasion of this reply, and the only apology we have for addressing you on a subject so peculiarly delicate and painful.

By the following statements of the proceedings of the Conference, you will perceive how much they have laboured to afford Mr. Ryan satisfaction, and whether he had well grounded reasons for accusing the Conference with either "injustice" or "oppression." The statements of the case must necessarily be concise, confining our details to the principal points which more immediately relate to Mr. Ryan's case. To notice all that has been referred to for several years past, would swell our letter to a length, which you might have neither time nor patience to peruse.

Our Brethren having been often appealed unto by Mr. Ryan, and the Conference having deemed it expedient to lay this subject before them, have appointed the following Committee for the purpose, viz.

WM. CASE,
WM. RYERSON,
F. METCALF,
J. RICHARDSON, and
E. RYERSON.

They are instructed to draw their statements from the journals of the Conference, with such explanations as they may judge proper, in order to a right understanding of those points, on which Mr. Ryan has so frequently given you his comment.

We do not learn that Mr. Ryan has complained of being ill treated previous to the Salt Fleet Conference in 1825.

The following facts appear to have given rise to a controversy, which that Conference found it expedient to examine.

Some after Mr. Ryan and Mr. Madden took their stations from the Hallowell Conference of 1824, the one as Missionary to the