

either British-born subjects, or preachers who preferred labouring in the British dominions.* In the course of time the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Church in Upper Canada, consisting almost entirely of British subjects, desired to dissolve all foreign ecclesiastical connexion. The American Methodist General Conference, with a liberal and praiseworthy regard to the feelings and circumstances of the junior branch of the Methodist Church in Canada, consented to its independence. About seven years since, an arrangement was entered into between the Wesleyan Conferences in England and in Canada with a view, according to certain "Articles of Union," of combining the resources and energies of the two Connexions for the wider extension of religious instruction amongst the new settlements and Indian Tribes of the country. The Wesleyan Committee in London claiming, at length, a control in the local affairs of Canada not provided for in the Articles of Union, and to which the Canadian Conference could not assent, the English Conference thought proper, in August last, to abandon the Articles of Union—drawing away as many Missions as could be induced to secede from the Canada Conference; and suddenly withdrawing all support from the rest.

It was under such circumstances, at the Special Session of the Canada Conference in October last, that the Committee assumed their present responsible charge. The Church was in an unsettled state: several Missionaries had retired from the Conference; the Missionaries remaining had received but a small part of the first quarter's allowance then due them; the Committee had not a sixpence to meet their demands, or to supply their wants, and could hold out no other prospect of support than that which was presented by the excellence of their cause, the liberality of the Canadian public, and the blessing of Him whose watchful Providence

* See Life of the Rev. Dr. Emory, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, pp. 84, 85.

has ever protected of the Wesleyan devoted Mission: things," and to abandon their choice and sacrifice in which suffering and labors the testimony of God upon their princely liberal friends of the unparalleled in.

In presenting of the operation and privilege of displays of the exertions during benevolent objects. New Settlements seem never to more highly as The joyous and in the close of gloomy apprehension was commenced work with increasing years this Society amongst the religious history since would elicit Christian pioneers inhabitants. The Committee was the Missions and secondly, amongst the new