

and ministerial and Church communion. And it is further enacted, that this supreme and free jurisdiction is a fundamental and essential part of the Constitution of this Synod ; and, that this may be fully known to all those who may hereafter seek admission into our Church, it is enjoined that all Presbyteries shall preserve a copy of this Act, and cause it to be read over to, and assented to by, every Minister and Probationer who may apply for ordination or induction into any pastoral charge."

The Mother Church held precisely the same view. In the same year, 1844, the following words occur in a letter from the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to the said Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland : "The Church of Scotland has never claimed any authority nor exercised any control over your Synod ; neither has she ever possessed, or desired to possess, the right of any such interference. Her efforts have been limited to the cultivation of brotherly affection and the rendering of pecuniary aid to those who had many claims on her regard."

The relations were the same, from the formation of the Canadian Synod :—

What is called the Declaratory Enactment, passed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and appearing in the Minutes of the said Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at page 42 and 43 of Synod Minutes of eighteen hundred and thirty-three, in reply to the application of the said Synod found on page 4 of the Minutes, June seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, shows this, that the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland simply undertook to give advice on any question with regard to which said Synod may choose to consult the Church of Scotland, and afford said Synod such aid as it may be in the power of the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to give in all matters affecting their rights and interests. This Declaratory Enactment was declared by the said Synod to form part of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, as appears at page 43 of the Minutes of said Synod, eighteen hundred and thirty-three.