

byterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland." It was a voluntary and independent association from the beginning. It was not a body corporate, and was not connected with the Church of Scotland in Scotland by any substantial connection. I will prove this by the declaration of the Church of Scotland itself. It is absolutely necessary that you should know exactly the relations which existed between this Church and the Church of Scotland in Scotland, because the words in the name—"In connection with the Church of Scotland"—have misled a great many who do not understand the question.

Now, here is a letter written from the Church of Scotland in Scotland, to this Church in Canada, appearing in its minutes in the year 1844, in which the Church of Scotland states :

"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."

This is the declaration of the Church of Scotland herself, who states that her relations were limited to the cultivation of brotherly affection and the rendering of pecuniary aid. She never exercised nor claimed to exercise any control. That is the whole meaning of the connection with the Church of Scotland—a connection simply of identity of origin and standards and ministerial and church communion. The Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland was at that time composed principally of ministers who came to this country from Scotland in the early history of Canada. Most of them being Scotchman, they naturally entertained feelings of affection and respect towards the parent Church in the Fatherland. And they therefore