

and by right, *to be* and to remain, the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

Will it be believed that this constitutional stickler, Mr. Robert Campbell, seeks for confirmation of his views from minutes, with regard to which the following note is appended to the printed record :—

No roll of the Synod appears to have been preserved, hitherto, either in the written record or in print. The attempt to disprove Lang, Burnet & Co.'s claim from minutes thus carelessly kept carries with it its own refutation. No need for even the junior member of the firm to further "unfurl" the straits to which Mr. Campbell is put in the accomplishment of his futile effort.

Comment is next made on the protest of the minority submitted to the Synod, and recorded in the printed minutes, Montreal, 14th June, 1875. What force was there in it? is asked. The answer by the Expositor is that "what a protest in such a case secures is only the easing of the conscience of the individual offering it, and the absolving of him from any legal consequences that might otherwise fall on him personally by the action of the majority, if he did not thus protect himself." We say, answered like a catechism—like a book. The dissentients protected themselves and meant to do so, not only against the then action of the Court, which they believed to be wholly illegal, and which they can demonstrate was illegal, but also against the high-handed and illegal action of the Court throughout. What are the facts? The Synod that met in Ottawa on the 2nd of June, 1874, adjourned to meet in Toronto by the following Act :—"The Moderator then addressed the Synod, and said: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and only Head of this Church, and in the name of this Synod, I declare this meeting to stand adjourned until the third day of November next, when the Synod will meet by adjournment at Toronto, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the day aforesaid at half-past seven o'clock p. m. Of which public intimation was made."

The Synod met in Toronto by adjournment at the day and date. Mr. John Rannie, the Moderator, de-