

MONTREAL,
Monday,
Sept. 23, 1844.

Letter to the
Free Church.

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the late division in our Synod, a division which may justly be termed, the most perfectly uncalled for, the most utterly unaccountable schism, which ever took place in the Church of Christ,—be encouraged and perpetuated by your influence, instead of being healed, as it might possibly be, by your interposition? Why should the able and zealous Missionaries you send among us, exert their energies in endeavouring to distract, that is, to destroy, our settled congregations, instead of carrying the message of salvation into those numerous places in our land, where a Preacher's voice is seldom heard? Why should two bodies of Christians, agreeing in doctrine, worship, and discipline, differing only in name, and very little even in that, fill the land with their contentions, and excite the grief of the Christian, and the scorn of the ungodly?

We trust that this representation will be taken, as it is intended, in good part. We are fully convinced that the conduct adopted by your church towards ours, has tended to excite feelings of dislike in the minds of many persons in this country, who were once disposed to regard the Free Church with affection and esteem; and that it would conduce to *your honour and advantage*, no less than to *our peace and welfare*, to adopt a course of conduct, more liberal, more conciliatory, and more Christian.

Signed, at Montreal, this Twenty Third Day of September, 1844, in name, in presence, and by appointment of the Synod, by

JOHN COOK, D. D., *Moderator.*

The Synod called for the reports of the committees appointed to revise Presbytery Records, when reports on the Records of the Presbyteries of Kingston, Montreal, and Hamilton, were given in, read, and sustained.

The Synod ordered the Clerk to attest the Records of the Presbytery of Kingston as carefully and correctly kept.

The Synod ordered the Clerk to attest the Records of the Presbytery of Montreal, *cum hac nota*, that at page 89, vol. ii. it appears that the Presbytery could not obtain admission into St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, their usual place of meeting; and the cause of this not being apparent on the face of the minute, explanation was called

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