

It will be observed that this letter is the official declaration of the Synod as to its standing; that it was agreed to by the committee; that that committee consisted, among others, of *Dr. Cook*, who takes now the same ground as that set forth in the pleas at law, and that the assertion of the close connection between the Churches here and in Scotland was undoubted and unmistakable. The result may be told in a few words. At Montreal the Moderator declined to present the address unless it was received like that of the Church of England. The Duke of Newcastle apologised for the blunder that had been committed, and a special audience was given to the deputation from the Synod of our Church, at which the address was read to the Prince of Wales and replied to formally on the spot, on the sole ground that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland was the true and lawful representative of the Church of Scotland and *as such* entitled to precedence. The grounds were set forth in a second Synodical letter to the Duke of Newcastle, who acknowledged their force and gave them effect.

“Twenty years ago the question of the relative rights of the two Churches was understood to have been finally set at rest, in accordance with the claims of the Church of Scotland which were based upon the Act of Union between England and Scotland; the decision of the twelve Judges of England having affirmed the equality of the Church of Scotland in Canada with the Church of England. The revival of a question so long disposed of is deeply to be deplored, &c.”

Comment on these official claims of our Synod is unnecessary; no proof could be clearer.

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HOW REPORTS OF PROGRESS ARE MADE.

A peculiarly easy way of showing the rapid progress of the late secession and allies has been adopted by their organs. They calculate with shrewd worldly wisdom, that by making their strength appear to be great, it will become great. It is following the example of gentlemen who conduct circuses and exhibitions of a similar kind, whose huge, flaming posters embellish the dead walls of our large towns for days before the arrival of the show, exhorting people to be in time or they will not be able to secure even standing room. We learn from the veracious organs of the United Presbyterian body that since the Union, new Churches have been built, new congregations organized, new charges entered upon. As a matter of fact, many of the new Churches spoken of were built, not because of, but in spite of, the agitation for Union, and we know of several cases, we have heard of others, in which the probability is, that the Churches will be shut up for want of funds, having been built by money contributed, to a large extent, by members of our Church, who refuse to contribute, now that the use of these buildings has been transferred to another body, and they themselves looked upon as aliens.