

[NOTE A :—The “Anti-Union Resolutions.”]

My statement, page 23, in relation to the above Resolutions, is as follows :—“In these, the Grant to our Missionary Committee was particularly mentioned, and a declaration made that such Grants ‘have proved variously prejudicial to the peace and tranquillity of the Province.’ The result of this was, that the payment was for some time suspended.”

The following are the remarks of *Doctor RYERSON* upon the above :—“It is difficult to conceive a statement more mischievous, more unjust, and more unfounded than this. *In the first place*, The Resolutions referred to were in no respect affecting the Grant to the London Missionary Committee. *In the next place*, These Resolutions never caused the suspension of the payment of that Grant.”

I. To this bold denial of my statements, I ask the attention of the reader, and to the following extracts from the *Resolutions themselves* :—

Resolved,—“That the sum of £900 Sterling was granted to the “Wesleyan” Missionary Committee in London in 1833, and also “a further sum of £550 in 1834; which sums were granted “without any solicitation on the part of the Committee in London. “That this Conference, *without any desire to interfere (!)* in the “engagements between His Majesty’s Government and the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London, *cannot forbear to “express its deep regret that the several Government Grants, “commonly called ‘Religious Grants,’ have proved seriously “prejudicial to the peace and tranquillity of the Province” !!—See Minutes of Conference, 1837.*

Doctor RYERSON knows well that the above Resolutions are HIS OWN WORDS. And the mystery lies in the remarkable fact that, in the face of these very words, he should attempt to damage my testimony by fearlessly asserting as follows :—“The Resolutions “referred to were in no respect affecting the Grant to the London “Missionary Committee” !!

II. I next place before the reader the facts following, in proof that the Resolutions “did” prevent the payment of the Grant :—

1. That not only did Mr. STINSON, at the time express his fears that the Resolutions might lead to the suspending of the Grant; but that, at the Hamilton Conference in 1839, said Resolutions were ACTUALLY RESCINDED on this alleged ground :—

Resolved,—“That the *Rev. Mr. ALDER*, having represented “that the second, fifth, and sixth Resolutions passed by this Conference in June 1837, on the subject of certain Grants made by “His late Majesty to the Wesleyan Missionary Committee out of “the casual and territorial revenue, interferes with the usages of “our British brethren, and materially *retards their interests*, this “Conference rescinds the same.”—*Minutes of Conference, 1839.*

2. That in the Minutes of the British Conference for 1840, is to be found the following record :—“Minutes of the Conference in Toronto, 1837, containing Resolutions which might have been pleaded by the Government as a reason for withholding the Grant; and which (in *point of fact*) did induce the Local Government to decline, for a time, to renew the payment.” !!