

Claim," and signed by "One That Knows," charges our Church with "effrontery and impudence," because our address to his Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, states that the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada was founded early in the history of the country. This simple utterance of the address is made the pretext for a series of accusations, which for vileness and falseness, we venture to affirm, is unparalleled in the literature of Canadian Methodism. The writer declares, "a greater falsehood could not have been presented." In what respect is it false? Supposing we take Dr. Carroll's statement as to the origin of the M. E. Church, it was in existence in 1833-34. Now it will be admitted generally, we think, that 1833 was an early period in the history of this country, and therefore the statement of the address is perfectly true, according to his own admissions.

But in all seriousness we ask, what is there in the humble address we had the honor to present to His Excellency to excite all this *choler* and unbridled wrath? Can any candid man in any Church, or of any creed, discover anything that could be regarded in any sense offensive to any Church?

We entertain a very strong suspicion that if the real truth was known, the fact would be clear to all, that the real cause of the agony of "One That Knows," is not to be found in the language of the address, but in the circumstances attending its presentation. The deputation representing the M. E. Church was called by command of His Excellency, and their address and themselves presented before the deputation from the Canada Methodist Church was called. This was a sore grievance to those who, in all things Methodistic at least, "love the pre-eminence". The address of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was easily seen, made a very favorable impression, and the Bishop