

"are fitted to do grievous injury to the cause of the Redeemer throughout the world." It further states, that "by leaving an open door for the admission of ministers and elders from the Church of Scotland, holding unsound views on the great principles aforesaid, they have most seriously endangered the purity of the Church, and brought even her independence into peril, through the probable introduction of office bearers, prepared to submit to the same encroachments of the civil powers by which the Church of Scotland has been enslaved." Further, it declares that "sin in matters fundamental has been done by this Court," and that those who make this Protest "can no longer with a clear conscience hold office in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland."

It was hoped that when the evil influences that had been used to break up the Church had been withdrawn, the schismatics would return to the Church they had left. Accordingly, in September, 1844, two months after the Protest had been left, a committee of Synod was appointed to confer with the seceding brethren. Finding, however, at the conference which took place, that the sentiments unequivocally expressed by the "seceding brethren in regard to the Church of Scotland, were such that the committee concluded to hold them as a bar to all negotiations, *in limine*, the conference terminated."

The nature of the steps taken by the seceders in Scotland to break up the Church here, may be seen by the remonstrance addressed by the Synod to the Moderator of that body. I make no apology for the length of the extracts. The remonstrance begins: "We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, feel ourselves constrained by an imperative sense of duty to ourselves, and to the people under our care, to address to your Church a few words of remonstrance, respecting the course of conduct which you have pursued towards the Presbyterian Church in this country." The following extracts will show the grievances complained of: "Amid many difficulties and privations, we were engaged in the peaceful prosecution of our labours in this extensive region. In such circumstances we should natu-