

over all the congregations and ministers in connection therewith." The attempt to effect such a severance was defeated in 1844 and the dissentients withdrew because of the failure. The Church here is now what she was from the beginning of her existence in Canada "in connection with the Church of Scotland," and those who have seceded cannot deprive us who remain of that privilege, even at the expense of their own character.

Although not coming in strictly chronological order, the proceedings respecting the address to the Prince of Wales in 1860, may fairly be given here. Without entering into tedious details it is enough to say that the Synod of our Church held that the connection between the Church here and the Church of Scotland was so close (after the passing of the Act of Independence, as it is called) that her representatives were entitled to present the Address to His Royal Highness on the same footing as the representatives of the Church of England. It had been determined by the advisers of His Royal Highness that the address from the Church of England was to be read in presence of the Prince of Wales, but that the address from our Church was merely to be handed in, and answered with all the other addresses, in a lump. The Moderator at once told the Secretary that "under these circumstances that from the *Church of Scotland* could not be presented." By Church of Scotland here is meant the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland. The committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Mathieson, Moderator, *Dr. Cook*, Dr. Barclay, *Dr. Snodgrass*, Messrs. John Greenshields and Alexander Morris, then prepared the following letter, which was signed by the Moderator and transmitted to the Duke of Newcastle. The italics are ours.

MONTREAL, 27th August, 1860.

"MY LORD DUKE,—

"I have dutifully to acknowledge the receipt, through the Governor General's Secretary, of the notification, that it is His Royal Highness' pleasure to receive the address of the *Church of Scotland* from myself as the bearer of it. but not to be read or replied to at the time. Having been informed that a different course is to be followed in the reception of the address from the sister Church of England, I beg very respectfully to represent to your Grace that, as a *branch of the established Churches of the Empire, the Church of Scotland in Canada*, is, in the eye of the law, constitutionally on a footing of equality with the Church of England in this Province, and that whatever privileges are possessed by the one Church belong of right to the other.

"Of course, as individuals, the members of the deputation are proud of the opportunity of expressing, in any way that may be pointed out to them, their loyalty to the Crown and their respect for His Royal Highness, but as representing *the Church of Scotland in Canada*, their consenting to occupy a position of inferiority to that accorded to the sister Church of England, on so interesting an occasion as the present, would be received with extreme suspicion by the large and respectable body on whose behalf they have been appointed to act.

"Respectfully requesting a consideration of the statements of this letter I have, &c.,

ALEXANDER MATHIESON, D.D.,  
MODERATOR."