

What considerations, then, most strongly recommended the measure of the Union to the favourable regards of the Missionary Secretaries and Committee? We unhesitatingly reply—the *admitted, and by the Rev. Egerton Ryerson pathetically urged, inability of the Upper Canada Conference, adequately to support and extend its Missions in the Country.*

It is with no ordinary feelings of astonishment and regret, that we regard the attempt of the Messrs. Ryerson to produce a very different impression, believing as we do that the fact just stated is susceptible of accumulated and unexceptionable evidence. It is explicitly stated by Dr. Alder, in a letter to Lord John Russell, that "one argument employed by Mr. Ryerson and others, to persuade his brethren, the Members of the Upper Canada Conference, to agree to a union, was, that the Conference did not possess the means to support the Indian Missions, and that unless the Wesleyan Missionary Committee took the charge of them, they would be utterly ruined." On which declaration the Canadian Representatives, in a communication to His Lordship, thus animadvert :—

"Now, in reply to this, and kindred *ex parte* and unsupported assertions. we beg to refer your Lordship to the official correspondence which took place between the Wesleyan Missionary Committee in London, and the Wesleyan Missionary Board in Upper Canada, in the years 1831 and 1832, and which resulted in proposals of union between the two bodies. This correspondence will be found in the Appendix to the accompanying printed Report of a Select Committee of the Upper Canadian House of Assembly, in 1836, on Religious Grants, pp. 28-32. We solicit your Lordship's particular attention to this correspondence, as proving, beyond the possibility of successful contradiction, 1. That the Society in Upper Canada declined transferring the Indian Missions to the London Missionary Committee, when the latter proposed it. 2. That the former employed every possible argument to dissuade the latter from extending its operations into Upper Canada at all, as likely to be productive of disastrous consequences, but, at the same time, offered assistance to the London Society in the establishment of Missions amongst the Aboriginal Indian Tribes, west and north of Lake Huron, and in the Hudson's Bay territory. 3. That the Canada Society maintained its ability, not merely to support the Missions then established, but to supply the religious wants of the Indian Tribes in Upper Canada, stating, that 'there is little doubt but the funds of our own Society can be increased to a sufficient sum to meet the wants of the Indian Tribes within the present boundaries of our Conference.'"

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