

REMARKS

UPON A

CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

IN offering to the consideration of his brother Churchmen in Canada these few observations upon the organisation which he conceives best suited to supply their wants, the writer begs that it may be distinctly understood, that he has not the slightest intention of reflecting in any way upon the proceedings which have been already taken, in the hope of more effectually uniting together the members of their communion; that he does not feel at all competent to decide whether any other arrangement than the one actually adopted, could have been made, either with respect to the last general assembly of their body, or to the one which, he presumes, will shortly be summoned; that it would be, in his opinion, exceedingly unfair to subject the conduct of men in such a very peculiar and anomalous position as that in which the bishops and clergy of this province have been and indeed are, placed, to anything like severe or captious criticism; and that he only pretends to speak of these subjects with strict reference to the present and probable future state of Upper Canada, viewing the clergy and laity of the church residing in this province, simply in the light of a body of Christian men, who are desirous of devising some plan, according to which they may form themselves into a church, able, to some extent at least, to control and assist the various scattered congregations of whom they are composed, and which, without some settled organisation and discipline, threaten soon to be reduced to a state of absolute isolation, remaining each one unknown to and uncared for by the other, and doing whatever may seem good in their own eyes; a condition which will, no doubt, be pronounced a most deplorable one by all who are capable of appreciating the vast advantages they may derive from a sincere and cordial