

which the Conference does not seem to judge,) he ought, in future, to be more cautious."

Of the recent change, the decision on the several items, was as follows:

1. That Mr. Ryan, in leaving his appointment at the Grand River Falls, so abruptly, was guilty of unfaithfulness in this respect.

2d. Not supported.

3d. Dismissed from the Conference.

The parties being now called in, the Bishop, after pronouncing the decision of the Conference, proceeded affectionately to "advise the parties in any case, all further controversy,—to retire from the Conference in friendship, to endeavour to maintain harmony and peace, in future; and to say no more about those unpleasant matters among the Brethren." A motion was then made, that the Conference do highly approve of the advice just given, and further advise that nothing further be said on the subject, and that if inquiries are made about these misunderstandings, we will say "they are settled." The motion being put by the Secretary, it was carried unanimously, with one exception.

Mr. Ryan requested a superannuated station, which was granted by the Conference. It was now hoped, that from the pains which had been taken to adjust these unpleasant differences, there would be no further strife. And though from the circumstance of Mr. Ryan's not voting for the above motion, it was apparent that he was not satisfied; yet, reflection, it was believed, would overcome feelings created by the occasion, and dissatisfactions would die away.

In the following Spring, however, (1866) a printed circular was issued, under the signature of "A Methodist." This was extensively circulated through the societies in different parts of the Province. Though the author hid himself under a false signature, yet he publicly impeached several persons by name, and neither Bishop, nor Conference, nor its Secretary, escaped his severity. Among the false insinuations of this anonymous production, was this, that the vote which the Conference passed, to drop all differences, and say nothing more about them, was designed by the Conference to *secrete their proceedings*, lest their acts, of which they were doubtful, should come to light. On the whole, the Circular was very censorious, and highly inflammatory.

These papers were forwarded to great numbers of persons, by mail, some of them the distance of 300 miles, subjecting those who received them to heavy postage. The effects produced by this singular measure, were various: some, judging from the statements in the paper, thought the Conference and the persons named in the circular, were much to be blamed, and were highly prejudiced against them. Others were disgusted, that a subject, of which they had no concern, should be palmed on them without their solicitation, and then taxed with postage, in the bargain. Others of a vulgar character, seized on the opportunity of ridiculing religion,