

We shall, however, very briefly cite other evidence so as to leave no doubt whatever as to the views either of the Mother Church or of those held by the Synod here.

In June, 1831, a preliminary meeting of ministers and elders was held at Kingston, to consider the question of the formation of Presbyteries and a Synod in Canada, when, after mature deliberation, it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously, that they "do now form themselves into a Synod to be called the "Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church "of Scotland, leaving it to the venerable the General Assembly to determine "the particular nature of the connection which shall subsist between this Synod "and the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland." On the 8th of June, 1831, the first meeting of Synod was held, and on the 13th, a memorial to the General Assembly was prepared, embodying the resolution just quoted. In 1833, the deliverance of the Assembly was produced in which it was declared that "no minister should be received as a member of Presbytery or Synod, when first formed, who has not been ordained by a Presbytery of the Church of Scotland, and that in the present state of education in the colonies, it is not expedient to exercise there the power of licensing probationers." It was also decided that all licentiates from Scotland should retain all the rights and privileges of members of the Mother Church, and that members of congregations under their charge should be admitted to church privileges in Scotland. Further, that a standing committee of the General Assembly should be named, to correspond and advise with the colonial churches. "The Synod received the same as part of the constitution of this Church."

In 1837, on overture it was resolved to ask for "a modification of the existing relation between this Synod and the Parent Church." The committee appointed to report on the overture recommended in terms thereof the preparation of a memorial setting forth the need which already exists for a modification of the Declaratory Enactment of 1833, in respect to the education of candidates for the Ministry within the bounds of the Synod, and the licensing of probationers. In 1838, the General Assembly intimated that it agreed to sanction the education of young men for the Ministry in the Colonies, under certain regulations to be prescribed by them (that is, by the General Assembly). There has been no other modification asked for or sanctioned, and the last deliverance of the General Assembly will be noticed in its proper place.

It would be interesting had we space to enter into details of the negotiations for the admission of the United Synod (not United Presbyterians) of Upper Canada, which throw a flood of light upon the connection with the Church of Scotland. To this subject we may, perhaps, direct attention at some future time.