

A NEEDED EXPOSITION;

OR,

THE CLAIMS AND ALLEGATIONS OF THE CANADA
EPISCOPALS CALMLY CONSIDERED.

BY ONE OF THE ALLEGED "SECEDERS."

(JOHN CARROLL.)

"And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me to be king over you, then come and put your trust under my shadow; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble and consume the cedars of Lebanon."— *Parable of Jotham*.

"And there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle."—*Parable of Jehoshaphat*.

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"This is the title of a pamphlet by the Rev. John Carroll, D.D., in which he examines the claims of the M. E. Church of Canada to be the original Methodist Church of Canada, and the allegation of the Episcopal Methodists that the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada seceded from the Episcopal Methodist body. Dr. Carroll has done good service by giving in a brief space the main historic facts bearing on the case, especially for the benefit of youthful readers, who might not be cognizant of the history of the case. Dr. Carroll's personal knowledge of the transactions relating to the union of Canadian Methodism with the Wesleyan Church in England, and the formation of the M. E. Church of Canada by Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Gatchell, Mr. Bailey and other seceders from the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Canada, and his intimate acquaintance with the whole history of Canadian Methodism, peculiarly qualify him for this work. He states the facts with great fairness, giving statements from Webster's History of Methodism, most favourable to the Episcopal claim. We cannot see how any impartial reader can carefully read Bro. Carroll's