

## ABSTRACT, &c.

At Kingston the tenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four years, which day there met in the Wesleyan Preliminary meeting. Methodist Church, Wellington-street, the following Ministers and Elders, heretofore members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, but who had just withdrawn from said Synod under two several Protests—viz:—

John M. Roger, Thomas Alexander, Henry Gordon, Wm. Reid, Sederunt, Alexander M'Lean, William Rintoul, Henry Esson, David Black, Mark Y. Stark, Alexander Gale, Donald M'Kenzie, John Bayne, Angus Mackintosh, Daniel Allan, Duncan M'Millan, William Meldrum, George Cheyne, George Smellie, Robt. Peden, Ministers; and Alexander Lindsay, Isaac Weylie, James Webster, George Davidson, James F. Westland, Elders.

The Rev. Mark Y. Stark was called to the Chair, and the Rev. W. Rintoul appointed Secretary. The Chairman opened the meeting with prayer.

It was agreed that the Protests under which the Ministers and Elders composing the meeting, and others absent, had withdrawn from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland, should be recorded, and they are as follows:—

### PROTEST

*Of certain Ministers and Elders belonging to the Synod of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland.*

WHEREAS, the Church, as the divinely constituted Depositary and Protest. Guardian of Revealed Truth, is specially bound to lift up her testimony for those particular Truths which are at any time endangered or overborne by the antagonist powers of this world— And Whereas those great and fundamental Truths which respect the supremacy of Christ in His Church, the spiritual independence of her rulers, their exclusive responsibility to her Great Head, the rights and privileges of His people, and the proper relation which should subsist between the Church and the State, are at the present day endangered, and have actually been overborne in the Established Church of Scotland, through recent encroachments of the State, upon the spiritual province, submitted to by her— And Whereas, in righteous testimony against these encroachments, great numbers