

A MOST EMBARRASSING OUTLOOK.

On page 68, Dr. Carroll tells us that the most embarrassing aspect of this whole matter is the fact that our Church has been recognised by the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. That this should now be an accomplished fact, after their earnest and successful efforts to prevent it in 1836 and 1844, is absolutely unendurable ! But our author seems to find a little consolation in the fact that "it was carried in the sense of a *quasi* acknowledgment." And even this was done "before our delegates arrived." This evidently is the cause of the tribulation of many of our "Wesleyan" friends, and the ill-concealed agony of Dr. Carroll. We pity them, but have no remedy to suggest. Not so, however, with our author : he suggests a specific. If the American General Conference cannot induce their *proteges* to conduct themselves with decency, then our Canada Methodists would consult their dignity best by sending no delegates to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ! We know not that our American brethren have ever seen or heard of this terrible threat of Dr. Carroll, but we rest in hope they will not take a scare.

"But," continues Dr. C., "if they had worn their honors meekly, it might not be worthy of remark ; but the use they make of it in this country" is not, we are assured, what "the American ministers intended at the time."

Exactly ! There is just where the shoe pinches—the use made of that recognition in this country. Before it was granted at all, the refusal was made use of by our opponents with untiring industry to damage us everywhere. But now, if we are heard expressing our satisfaction and gratitude for this favor, we are, forsooth, "flaunting a pseudo-Methodist Episcopacy in their faces." The only remedy we can sug-