

sympathy with our principles, and they were generally accompanied with donations to the fund. I shall not soon forget the kindness of our friends at Hamilton, among whom, in addition to all the ministers, I may notice the names of Mr. Kerr of Paisley, and of Mr. Campbell, the son-in-law of the late lamented Dr. Andrew Thomson, who holds a situation there in the Crown Land office. I may also mention, that in all my engagements both at Toronto and at Hamilton, I was ably assisted by the Rev. William Rintoul of Streetsville, who, with his congregation, have since declared their cordial adherence to the Free Church. At Toronto, as at Hamilton, addresses were presented in name of the Congregational Union in Canada West, and other bodies. These documents are all before the Committee.* Since my visit to Toronto, a meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church has been held, when fourteen resolutions were adopted by a very large majority of the members, to the effect of a separation from all official connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, and an undisguised adoption of the leading principles of the Free Church. This important measure may, in all probability, be followed by the erection of a second place of worship, and the call of a minister of the Free Protestant Church. I would earnestly press on the Committee, the importance of Toronto as one of the seats of the Free Church in Canada. Though no longer the capital of the Upper Province, it is a place of great and growing wealth and population. The country north and west of it presents a vast field of excellent soil and of exhaustless resources, and it is gradually filling up with settlers. In Toronto, the cause of Presbyterianism has been much weakened by the ineffective ministrations of the former incumbent of St. Andrew's Church, who has lately joined the Episcopal Communion, and is settled at Montreal. Under a pastor whom they could esteem, and around whom they could rally, the

* See Appendix.