

## APPENDIX.

At the meeting of the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church, in June last, the Rev. C. Chiniquy made application to be admitted, along with his congregation at Ste. Anne's, Illinois, into connection with this Church. A committee of Synod was appointed to confer with him in the meantime. This Committee found that Mr. Chiniquy had got into some difficulties with the Presbytery of Chicago, (O.S.), with which both he and his congregation had been for some time connected. These difficulties appeared to be of a complicated character, and to arise out of proceedings, both in Presbytery and the Civil Courts, connected with the administration of charitable funds, and with the Educational Institute or College of Ste. Sauveur, under the immediate superintendence of Mr. Chiniquy. They led ultimately to a prosecution, or, libel, as we would call it, against Mr. Chiniquy, charging him with unministerial and unchristian conduct,—under six different specifications. Mr. Chiniquy was cited to answer these charges before the Presbytery, which met on the 10th June last, at Chicago. It was at this stage of the proceedings that he and his congregation resolved to separate themselves from the Presbytery of Chicago, and the Old School Presbyterian Church of the U.S., and to request recognition from the Canada Presbyterian Church. Their reasons for taking this step, the alleged, were not fear of the charges laid against Mr. Chiniquy by the Presbytery,—these Mr. C. declared his willingness to meet and refute; or want of affection and respect for the Presbyterian Church of the United States: or lack of gratitude to the members of that Church for their liberality and kindness to the Colony during its severe trials, but because, as they alleged, they had had no peace since they became connected with the Presbytery of Chicago, and that Mr. Chiniquy, having been already subjected to one long and expensive trial, in which, on every specification, he had been vindicated both by the Presbytery and the Synod, was now subjected to another, as they alleged, vexatious process, and required for his vindication to take witnesses to Chicago, a distance of 60 miles, at considerable cost, which Mr. C. declared his inability to do. In these circumstances Mr. C. and his congregation considered that no other course was left to them than either to submit to what appeared to them an injustice, or to separate themselves from the Presbytery of Chicago, and seek connection with some other Protestant Church.

This is the substance of the statements presented to the Committee of the Canada Synod.

As, however, they were necessarily of an *ex parte* character, the Synod deemed it both just and expedient, before coming to any decision, to send a deputation of their number to visit Ste. Anne, and on

the spot to inquire into all the circumstances of the case. The Synod accordingly appointed the Rev. Alex. F. Kemp, (Converner,) Scott, and Wm. Cavan, a Committee to proceed as soon as possible to Ste. Anne's and to make the necessary inquiries; they were also instructed, if they saw their way clear to hand Mr. C. and his congregation over to the interim care of the Presbytery of London, to be by them brought, in the usual form, before the next meeting of Synod.

This deputation left home on the 23rd June on this errand. They proceeded at once to Chicago and sought interviews with gentlemen there from whom information regarding Mr. Chiniquy might be obtained. They met with several esteemed elders and one minister of the Presbytery there, by whom they were received with courtesy and kindness. From them much information was received. They had all been Mr. Chiniquy's friends at one time, and had done a great deal to befriend him, and promote the good work of reformation, of which in Providence, he had been the chief instrument; but now they did not disguise the fact, that their opinions of Mr. Chiniquy were more or less unfavorable.

It was then agreed that one of the deputation should proceed to Rockford,—a distance of about 90 miles west of Chicago,—to see the clerk of the Presbytery, the Rev. Mr. Faris. By Mr. Faris he was received with the greatest kindness and cordiality. A document was here received from the Presbytery of Chicago, proffering to the deputation from Canada every information in their power to give. The deputy had also the pleasure of meeting with the Rev. Mr. Smith of Willow Creek, a Canadian, by-the-by, and by both of these gentlemen he was treated with all the confidence of a brother. Having spent two days with them, and obtained all the information in regard to Mr. Chiniquy and his case, which they had time to give, he joined the other members of the committee, who had proceeded direct to Kankakee and Ste. Anne. At Kankakee they met Mr. Staples, who, with the frankness of a Christian brother, gave them as much information on the subjects of inquiry, as a conference of three hours would admit of. They also conferred with three lawyers of Kankakee, who were friendly to Mr. Chiniquy. On the Sabbath previous to this Mr. Scott and Mr. Cavan had met Mr. Chiniquy's congregation at Kankakee, to the number of about 150 to 200 persons. They met also with the congregation of Ste. Anne, numbering from 500 to 600 persons—They addressed both congregations through an interpreter, Mr. Labelle a student of the Canada Church, who also preached in French.