

3. *That the recent attacks upon the members and ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, by Drs. Carroll and Ryerson, were unprovoked and unjustifiable.*

Dr. Ryerson claims to see a *causa belli* in the address read by Bishop Carman before our late General Conference in Belleville. Let us examine this document, and see if his claim is well founded.

In that address it is stated, that "But for perturbations and irregularities, this were the Thirteenth Regular General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada." Is not this a simple truism? If there had been no change or disturbance of the original order of things, as established in 1828, would it not have been precisely as the Bishop stated? How in the name of common sense can offence be taken at any such statement? The address also declares, that in the arrangements made in 1828, and in the Discipline of 1829, "It was ordained that the first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada shall be held the last Wednesday in August, 1830, in Belleville, and henceforward once in four years, at such times and in such places as shall be fixed on by the General Conference." Had that rule been carried out, and the Discipline of 1829 duly observed, it is easily seen this had been the thirteenth regular session of our General Conference." This is simply stating a fact in Canadian Methodist history admitted by all parties.

The address goes on still further to say, that "After the events of 1833, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, '*such as it was,*' held a session at Trafalgar (now Palermo), in June, 1835, at which John Reynolds was elected and ordained Bishop, the first General Superintendent or Bishop consecrated under the compact of 1828." And that that was the General Conference of the