

ministry ; men of liberal minds, of broad and generous views, men whose charity, intelligence, and personal piety lift them out of the narrow grooves of sectarian bigotry and denominational jealousy. With such ministers we delight to associate, and to honor. Thousands, also, of the members of that Church command our admiration because of their broad views of Christian charity, and ready recognition of all who love the Lord Jesus. Against these we have no word of complaint to utter ; we write simply to defend ourselves and our people from the mean insinuations, unkind allusions, and false accusations of such small-souled men as Dr. Carroll, whom we regard with feelings of equal pity and contempt.

*2. The Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada has been compelled for many years to suffer persecution at home and misrepresentation abroad.*

When at the time the union was effected in 1833 it was found that a considerable portion of the Methodist people in this country refused to fall in with the measure, efforts were immediately organized to whip them into compliance. At first it took the form of terrorism, and all who persisted in the refusal were threatened with excommunication. And there are Methodists living to-day who were solemnly read out of society, without trial, and for no other crime but a refusal to consent to a measure, against which their honest convictions of duty and right alike protested.

This method having expended its force without accomplishing its purpose, gave place to another. They were everywhere held up before the public as ignorant pretender, schismatics and rebels. Without means and destitute of sufficient ministerial help, and without the aid of the press to explain or defend their position, they suffered much from these mis-