

changed in a much greater degree, at a general meeting of the Congregation than it was in the recent meeting, held on the 28th of August, 1844.

The language of the Deed bears, that the ground which forms the Site of the Church, was sold to the members of the Committee, "elected by all the Members of the Presbyterian Congregation, resident in this city and places adjacent, for the glory of God and Divine Service, according to the usage of the Members of the said Presbyterian Congregation, and their successors in future, according to and conformably with the usage of the Church of Scotland, such as it is established by law in Scotland."

The Proprietors hereby declare, on behalf of themselves and the Congregation, that while this Congregation owns no objection and have never owned any to the jurisdiction of the Established Church of Scotland, and have never pledged themselves, as will be manifest from the Records of the Congregation, to any Connection whatever, save that of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, they still adhere to the Westminster Standards, which are the professed Standards of the established Church of Scotland; and they have in no respects deviated from the usage of that Church in the manner of performing *Divine Service* or Public Worship; neither is it their intention, or consistent with their principles, to make any alteration in the said Standards, or to admit of any departure from the old and established usage of *Divine Service*, as it has been and is still conducted in this Congregation. The Proprietors would here point to the terms of the Deed above quoted—that at the date of said Deed, namely, the 2nd of April, 1792, the constitution of the Church was, what it is now in progress of being made—*purely and in the highest degree popular*—for the members of the Committee therein named were then, as it is recorded in the Deed, *elected by all the Members of the Congregation*, so that the recent changes and amendments of the Constitution are only bringing it back to its original purity and soundness, prior to the general meeting of the 4th of April, 1804, when it was subjected to a most Erastianizing process, amounting to a revolution in its constitution and government. Thus, in point of fact, the Church is now brought back very nearly to its Constitution, as it stood at the date of the purchase of the Site of the Church.

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MONTREAL, August 28, 1844.

A meeting of the Members and Sitters in St. Gabriel Street Church, took place this evening, when an address on the recent disruption of the Synod of Canada, was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Gordon of Gananoque; on the conclusion of the address, the Hon. Adam Ferrie, was called to the Chair.

It was then moved by Dr. McNider, seconded by Mr. J. Turner—*Resolved*, 1st. That this Congregation, feeling themselves bound to take cognisance in their collective capacity, of the question which for some time has agitated, and has now broken up the Presbyterian Church, in this Province, desire to record their firm attachment to the great principles of the Supreme Headship of Christ, and the Sole authority of the Word of God, in matters Spiritual and Ecclesiastical, believing these principles to be essential at all times, and in all lands to the purity and prosperity of the Christian Church; which resolution was put, and unanimously carried.—Mr. John Fisher, alone objecting.

Moved by Mr. Wm. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. Wm. Bethune—2nd. That considering the repeated testimonies borne in favour of the aforesaid principles, by the Synod of Canada, this Congregation have viewed with surprise and regret the recent conduct of a majority of the Synod in adhering to the ranks, and strengthening the hands of those who have brought these principles into peril, and approving as they do of the conduct of the minority of the Synod, in protesting an unbroken and consistent testimony to the truth, resolve to adhere to their protest, and by God's grace to follow them in the course which they have taken; which resolution was put, and unanimously carried.—Mr. John Fisher, alone objecting.

Moved by Wm. Murray, Esq., seconded by Archibald Macfarlane, Esq.—3rd. That this Congregation, cordially approving of the conduct of their esteemed