

Now, be it remembered, Dr. Carroll admits that Mr. Gatchell was "opposed to the union" throughout, "and when the final vote was put in 1833, he withdrew from the General Conference, in order to avoid voting either way." This circumstance of Mr. Gatchell receiving the superannuated money mentioned in the Wesleyan Minutes for 1834 has been paraded so often, to show that he was still a member of said Conference up to 1834, that we shall take the trouble to inquire into the facts. They are these :

Rev. Joseph Gatchell was, during the Conference year—from August, 1832, until October, 1833—a superannuated preacher in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, and as such was entitled to a claim on the Conference funds of \$200. This sum should have been paid to him at the Conference of 1833. This was not all paid at the time, and Mr. Gatchell never applied after 1833 for any funds to the Canada Conference. Between the Conferences, however, of 1833-34, a certain sum of money was sent to him, and he—regarding it as a part of the claim due him the year before—retained it, and henceforth he is trumpeted as a voluntary claimant on the funds of the Wesleyan Conference. No man having the least regard for truth could make such an assertion in view of the facts.

We have a letter now lying before us, written by the Rev. Joseph Gatchell, and dated Blenheim, March 17, 1843, in which he declares that "I did not vote for the union, and I *never went with them at all.*" And again—"I stood *uniformly in opposition to the union.*"

I think enough has been said to vindicate the character and standing of the Rev. Joseph Gatchell.