

CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS.

Having briefly explained the facts connected with the origin and formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada ; explained and defended the position taken by our fathers in 1833, and proved it to be sound, constitutional and wise ; we are now prepared to claim that we be considered a real part of the universal Church of Christ. We are not a schismatical faction. There is not amongst us either the fact or the temper of schism. The men who opposed the union measures of 1832-33 were not restless agitators, as Dr. Carroll pretends, but men of enlightened and sober judgments, and actuated by as disinterested and devout regard for the peace and prosperity of the Church as those whom they opposed, and judging from their spirit and conduct since the unhappy strife, far more so. Our position to-day is substantially the same it was in 1833, and the obligation rests upon us with undiminished force, to be the faithful expositors, defenders and examplers of the distinctive principles of Episcopal Methodism.

The circumstances surrounding us at present are very different from those which existed at the re-organization of the Conference in 1833-34. Then we had a scattered and disheartened membership, limited means, and unprincipled and relentless persecutors. In view of the obstacles which beset the attempt to preserve and perpetuate the Church and Government of 1828, the stoutest hearts might well tremble