

These views are in conformity with those which have been so long held and so successfully carried out in our native land. We believe that the stability of government, the peace of the community, the supremacy of the laws, the harmony of neighbourhoods, all that regards man's welfare in time as well as his happiness in eternity, have their only sure basis in the instruction of the people in the truths of the Bible; and, holding these views, it is impossible for us adequately to express our grief and disappointment at the attempts that are made to sever religion from the public instruction. We refer especially to the University measure carried through the late Session of the Provincial Parliament, and now become law, which, though the University was endowed by one of Your Majesty's Royal predecessors, expressly for the education of the youth of these Provinces in the Christian Religion, as well as in Literature and Science, does yet so thoroughly exclude Christianity, that there is no security, that the men to whom shall be confided the high work of informing and training the minds of our youth shall be men who even believe in the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom He hath sent. As a Christian Church, we should be betraying the cause we are bound to uphold, did we not draw Your Majesty's attention to this disastrous measure, and if we did not express our earnest hope, that since it so directly contravenes the intentions of the enlightened Founder, while it is regarded with dissatisfaction by all the great religious bodies of the country, means may yet be taken, by Your Majesty's gracious direction, to amend the provisions of the statute, and so to avert from us and our posterity a calamity so great as its permanent adoption must inevitably bring upon us, if it be true that "them that honour God he will honour, while they that despise Him shall be lightly esteemed."

That Almighty God may long preserve Your Majesty to rule over us;—that He may guide all your counsels, and establish your Throne in righteousness;—that He may abundantly bless all the members of your Illustrious Family;—and, that after a happy reign upon earth, He may exalt you to an unfading Crown in the Heavens, is our fervent and unceasing prayer.

Signed at Kingston, this Seventeenth Day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-nine Years:—in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

JAMES C. MUIR,  
MODERATOR.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor-General was adopted and signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod. The Address is as follows:—

*To His Excellency the Right Honourable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Governor-General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled,