

right of all citizens, that of being protected in the peaceable exercise of their own religion.

"The prayers of the members of this Union will be continually offered to the King of kings, that he may bestow every blessing upon your Excellency, and that under your administration the Dominion of Canada may not only extend its borders, increase its population, perfect its government and multiply its resources, but above all may be distinguished by that "righteousness" which "exalteth a nation."

"On behalf of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, meeting in Montreal, 14th June, 1869.

(Signed)

"H. D. POWIS, *Chairman.*"

"F. H. MARLING, *Secretary.*"

On Monday, June 21, the deputation from the Union, viz., Hon. J. S. Sanborn, Rev. E. Ehbs and Rev. F. H. Marling, waited upon his Excellency Sir John Young, by appointment, at Rideau Hall, Ottawa, and presented the above address, to which the following reply was given.

"To the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

"I thankfully accept your congratulations, and feel much flattered by the terms in which you are pleased to speak of my services in other parts of Her Majesty's dominions.

"You have not misinterpreted my views, that 'the welfare of the Church and the State', in other words, the promotion of truth and the prevalence of religious sentiment amongst the people, are best promoted by a complete toleration, and 'by placing the ministers and members of all religious communities on an equal footing before the law and, in their relations to the State'. This position of affairs is, I venture to think, most desirable of attainment. Its attainment should be sought earnestly, but ever within constitutional limits, with caution in touching ancient institutions, and care not to innovate beyond the necessities of the case, so as to set the example of reverence for justice, and reconcile the conservative elements of society.

"Circumstances have proved favourable to Canada in working out the change in accordance with the enlightenment of the times, and the matured judgment of the people.

"I humbly trust that in all time to come the beneficial effects we anticipate will be felt in the general prevalence of harmony and good feeling, in habits of order and the practice of domestic virtues, so that while, under Divine favour, Province after Province is added to the Confederation and large increase to the number of its inhabitants, there may be found, throughout all the wide borders of the Dominion, the evidences of sound religious conviction and the homes of a wise and understanding people.

(Signed)

"JOHN YOUNG."

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F. H. MARLING,
Secretary-Treasurer,

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Toronto, 24th June, 1869.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—Received from the Listowel Church \$2 00,
Guelph Church \$10 00.

Montreal, 21st June, 1869.

J. C. BARTON, *Treasurer.*