

The Minutes of yesterday were read and sustained.

The Address to Her Majesty the Queen, having been read and adopted, was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows:—

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, heartily embrace this opportunity of renewing our expressions of sincere and devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

Admiring, as we do, the principles of the British Constitution, and enjoying, under Your Majesty's benignant sway, the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty, and the manifold facilities for preaching the Gospel of Christ, which our connection with the Parent State secures, we would now express our grateful thanks for these benefits, and we humbly trust that nothing will ever occur to dissolve this connection, or destroy or even weaken those advantages which have been solemnly and constitutionally guaranteed by repeated enactments of the Imperial Legislature, and which, we are firmly persuaded, it is the sincere and earnest desire of Your Majesty to maintain and perpetuate.

With the deep conviction that no scheme of secular education, however wisely devised or faithfully carried out into practice, will be efficient to the ends contemplated, unless accompanied by a general and thorough Scriptural education, we would rely confidently on Your Majesty's countenance and protection whilst we are engaged in the important and interesting work of inculcating on that portion of Your Majesty's subjects committed to our spiritual care the great principles of morality and religion, publicly acknowledged to be in accordance with the Word of God, and solemnly ratified by law as part of the British Constitution.

While we would disclaim all interference in matters which particularly belong to the civil administration of Your Majesty's Government, yet, actuated by feelings of devoted loyalty, we are constrained to express our deep sorrow and alarm at the encroachments of a Foreign Power on Your Majesty's prerogatives, and the attempted subversion of those constitutional principles on which the British Throne is established, and the prosperity and peace of the Nation depend; and we would humbly beg to assure Your Majesty that, within our sphere and to the utmost of our power, we will endeavour to impress on the minds of those committed to our Pastoral care, a just sense of their duty to their Sovereign, as flowing out of their duty to God as revealed in His eternal word.

High as the rank is which Britain has long enjoyed among the nations of the earth for valour, industry, and generosity, and, above all, for her deep religious sentiment, we would congratulate Your Majesty on the manifest indications that she is destined to attain a station still more illustrious, and take the lead more conspicuously than ever in the great