

## APPENDIX K.

*Unto The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, gladly embrace the opportunity afforded us, by our annual meeting in Synod, of tendering anew the assurance of attachment and loyalty to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

While other portions of this Continent have unhappily been afflicted by sanguinary and desolating wars, which still rage with unabated violence, we in this land have abundant cause of thankfulness to Almighty God that, under the protection of Your Majesty's Sceptre and the happy influence of British Institutions, we, in common with our fellow-subjects, continue in the enjoyment of the blessing of Peace. In the fulfilment of the duties of our sacred office in our own Branch of the Christian Church, we have felt ourselves specially called upon to take advantage of a position so favourable, by endeavoring with greater earnestness to instil into the hearts of our people that "righteousness" which alone exalteth a nation; and we fondly hope that our efforts for this end have, by the blessing of God, been not unattended with success.

Cherishing a happy remembrance of the visit of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, to this portion of Your Majesty's dominions, we rejoiced that so favourable an opportunity was thus afforded for the expression of those sentiments of loyalty to the Crown, and of affectionate regard for the Royal Family, which are deeply seated in the hearts of Your Majesty's Canadian subjects.

Interested, as we cannot fail to be, in whatever concerns Your Majesty's happiness, it was with extreme gratification we read the first announcement of the then approaching nuptials of the Heir-Apparent to the British Throne with Her Royal Highness the Princess Alexandra of Denmark. And we now humbly beg permission to lay at the foot of the Throne our most respectful and sincere congratulations that this auspicious family alliance has been completed amid the general rejoicings of the Empire; and to express our fervent hope and prayer that this union may prove a source of continued satisfaction to Your Majesty, of unalloyed happiness to their Royal Highnesses, and of lasting benefit to the State.

That Your Majesty may be long spared in health and happiness to reign over Your widely extended dominions; that the Divine favour may ever encompass You with all temporal and spiritual blessings; and that You may finally exchange an earthly for a heavenly crown, is our earnest and constant prayer.

Signed, in name and by authority of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Montreal, this Ninth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-three, by

JOHN CAMPBELL,  
*Moderator.*

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