

not riches, for he possessed them not; nor accomplishments, nor worldly greatness of any kind; but attachment to truth, and love of goodness. And are not these virtues attainable by most, and obligatory upon us all? Without these, is not our character defective? We feel prompted to exclaim with the Psalmist, "Help, Lord, because the godly man ceaseth, because the faithful fail from among the children of men." Learning alone will not supply the place. Talent is good, but, without the grace of God directing it, is often mischievous. Cleverness is good, but, without that, degenerates into the cunning of the Old Serpent. A head for business is useful, but, without the heart of piety and love, fails to impress the Church and age. Science is respectable, but, without godliness, is ensnaring. Progress it is delightful to mark in churches, colleges, and railways, but, with godliness wanting, it is the house without the foundation, or the building upon the sand, and therefore cannot stand. O, help, then, Lord, for with the godly man removed, it is so much salt and leaven that we can ill spare; it is a standard-bearer struck down, a pillar fallen—and whither can we look? and whereon lean? But do Thou grant (for with Thee is the residue of the Spirit, and godliness shall never cease out of the land) that the mantle of him who has gone upward may fall upon successors, and that instead of one, we may have many imbued with his spirit and emulous of his virtues. Then shall our congregations never want the right salt, nor our Church the good seed: Amen.

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ADDRESS FROM THE SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, IN NOVA SCOTIA, TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

The members of the Presbytery of Halifax, residing in the city, says the *Halifax Reporter*, waited on His Excellency to-day, 15th Dec., to present an address from the Synod of Nova Scotia, in connection with the Church of Scotland. His Lordship the Chief Justice introduced the members of the Deputation, and the Moderator of the Presbytery having explained the cause of the delay that had occurred in presenting the address, the Clerk—Rev. Professor McDonald—read it and handed it to His Excellency, who responded in terms of much courtesy. Afterwards, in conversation with the members of the Presbytery, His Excellency spoke with great warmth and kindness of feeling of the high sense he entertained of the value of the labours of the Scottish Church here and elsewhere, and of the importance of having a Scottish element among the emigrants who come to our shores. The deputation withdrew, highly gratified at the reception that had been given to them.

We subjoin the address and the answer:
TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR WILLIAM FRANK WICK WILLIAMS, BARONET, OF KARS,
C. B., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the Ministers and Representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in connection with the Church of Scotland in Synod assembled, beg to approach your Excellency with the expression of undiminished attachment to the British Constitution, steadfast loyalty to the Throne, and constant admiration of the institutions of the Mother Country and its various dependencies.

As the Representatives of one of the Churches of the Reformation, the National Church of Scotland—a Church which, under the blessing of GOD, has been an honoured instrument in spreading the principles of the Christian religion, the sentiments of an enlightened piety, and the practice of a sound moral among the people of an important part of the United Kingdom—we have ever recognized as our duty in our several spheres of labour in this and the neighbouring Colonies, to follow the conspicuous example of the Mother Church and, amid the difficulties and disadvantages incidental to ministerial labour in a new country, to pursue such a course as may promote the true happiness of the people and assist in giving efficiency and perpetuity to those institutions over which you have been so happily placed.

While our Church stands connected with the Church of Scotland, not a few, both of Ministers and her people, are by birth Nova Scotians; and all the more therefore do we become us to notice the circumstance, regarding it, as we do, both as a gratifying fact in itself, and as an honor to this Province that by your appointment the Imperial Government has raised to the exalted position of Her Majesty's Representative one of Nova Scotia's most distinguished sons.

That you may be long spared to exercise your exalted function over us is our earnest prayer.

In name and by appointment of Synod Committee. ROBERT MCCUNN, Convenor
Nov. 8, 1863.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Halifax, 15th Dec., 1863

TO THE VENERABLE THE SYNOD OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

GENTLEMEN,—I receive with great pleasure this address, assuring me, as it does, of your undiminished attachment to the British Constitution, and steadfast loyalty to the Throne, as well as admiration of those institutions by which the mother country