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In common with all Your Majesty's subjects, we take a deep interest in whatever concerns the welfare and happiness of Your Majesty and of your illustrious family; we have sympathized with the recent bereavement with which Your Majesty has been visited, and we heartily join in the general congratulation on the approaching marriage of the Princess Alice. Our hope and prayer is, that these and all other events, whether joyous or grievous, may by the blessing of God be made to contribute to Your Majesty's present good, and final preparation for the enjoyment of a crown of life which fadeth not away.

That God may grant to Your Majesty a long and prosperous reign, and enrich you abundantly with all temporal and spiritual blessings, is our fervent and affectionate prayer.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Quebec, the Thirty-first Day of May, Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-one Years, by

WILLIAM BAIN,
Moderator.

APPENDIX K.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, &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, now assembled in Synod, embrace this opportunity to renew our expression of loyal and dutiful attachment to the person and Government of our most gracious Sovereign the Queen, and of our respect to yourself as her Representative in this Province.

We regard it as no small honour that we belong to an Empire in which civil and religious liberty are so fully and so universally enjoyed; and, while we cherish a profound regard for the higher obligations which bind both rulers and subjects to the King of kings, and Lord of lords, it shall be our care, as it has been our constant practice, to inculcate a sound-hearted loyalty to the Queen, and obedience to the laws and constituted authorities of the State, to which we look for protection from every attempt to quench by physical force or any species of intolerance, that freedom of discussion, which is so necessary to the discovery and the maintenance of truth.

It is matter of great thankfulness that, while civil dissensions threaten to expose a neighbouring Republic to all the horrors of intestine war and bloodshed, we, under the shield of British power, enjoy the inestimable blessing of peace.

We regard also, with much satisfaction and thankfulness, the rapid progress of the Province in material interests, and that returning prosperity which has been so much promoted by the late bountiful harvest. But it is our firm conviction, founded both on experience and the word of God, "that righteousness exalteth a nation," and that there can be no permanent prosperity apart from the prevalence of true religion, and its due influence on the moral habits of the community. It shall therefore continue to be our object as a Church to advance, as much as pos-