

cious Queen fully sympathises with us in this sentiment. And what we demand in reference to this for ourselves we heartily accord to all our fellow colonists, of what Christian denomination soever they may be.

Entertaining, as we do, the hope that the majesty of the law shall yet be fully vindicated, and the sacred principles of the constitution fully preserved, so that Christian men can in conformity with the law meet in safety to express and inculcate their own religious views and sentiments, we forbear at this our present session to do anything that would produce agitation among our people as to the above matter.

Our wish has ever been to make the preaching of the Gospel of peace our great business. For we are well assured that by teaching its principles fully and faithfully to our people we shall not only lead them, through the Lord Jesus Christ, to the Heavenly inheritance, but also fit them for being quiet, orderly, and loyal subjects to their sovereign, and forbearing and just to their fellow-men.

Our prayer is that your Majesty may share largely in the choicest earthly blessings, and that, after you have reigned long and happily over a religious, prosperous, and loyal people, you may be raised to that crown that fadeth not away.

Signed, at Kingston, this Eighteenth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Years :—In Name, in Presence, and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by ALEXANDER SPENCE, *Moderator*.

The Address of the Synod, to His Excellency the Governor General, was signed by the Moderator, in presence of the Synod, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency, the Right Honourable, James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, &c., &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 in Synod assembled, gladly avail ourselves of the return of our Annual Meeting of Synod, to express our profound attachment and devoted allegiance to the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, the Queen, and our loyalty, respect and dutiful submission to your Excellency, as the Representative of her Majesty in this Province of her dominions. While we rejoice in the peace, tranquillity and temporal prosperity, which now so generally prevail throughout all parts of the Empire, we feel especial satisfaction in contemplating the growing prosperity of this, the land of our adoption, and the development of the vast resources with which a bountiful Providence has enriched it. In the extension of the great Public Works, which are now in course of construction, throughout the Province, we cherish the hope of a far higher degree of prosperity and social advancement, than this country has yet experienced, through the increase of facilities which will be afforded for turning to account the industry of its inhabitants, and its mineral and agricultural wealth. As the Ministers and Office-bearers

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