

The Address of the Synod to His Excellency the Governor 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 assembled in Synod, at Toronto, take this opportunity of renewing the expression of our loyalty and ardent attachment to the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, and our respectful and dutiful submission to your Excellency, Her Majesty's representative, whom we heartily welcome on your return to resume the duties of your high office. While we rejoice in the many evidences of that material prosperity with which a bountiful Providence continues to bless this portion of the Queen's dominions, as office-bearers of a Christian Church, we also feel the responsibility under which we lie to endeavour in our own sphere to make this prosperity truly a blessing to the people, by diffusing the principles of divine truth, without submission to which no prosperity can be solid and lasting.

We deem it both proper and necessary to inform your Excellency that we continue to take a lively interest in the state of education throughout the Province, and our Synod at its present meeting has determined to make a general effort among our people to maintain and increase the standing and efficiency of the University of Queen's College with which our Church is so closely connected.

In our previous addresses to your Excellency or your predecessors in office, it has been usual for us to allude to many matters of great public interest as they have transpired, either in this Province, or in the mother Country. And at the present moment we cannot refrain from adverting to the war in which Great Britain has reluctantly been compelled to engage. Highly as we value the blessings of peace, and anxious as we should ever be to secure these by any reasonable sacrifices, circumstances may arise, and, we firmly believe, have arisen, in the present instance, demanding the last recourse to arms, for the relief of the oppressed, and, generally, for the interests of civilization and freedom throughout Europe.

We cannot doubt that the war in which Great Britain and France are united against the power of Russia, is an eminently just one, and, under this conviction we deem it our duty to pray for the success of the arms of our country, and for the speedy attainment of the great objects which the war is undertaken to achieve. While we, in this corner of Her Majesty's dominions, are now happily exempt from the pressure, and the perils of war, we deeply sympathize with our fellow subjects who are called to bear their part in maintaining it; and the sympathy which we now express, so far from being an act of mere sentimentalism, would, we are confident, lead us and the people of this Province generally, joyfully to contribute their aid towards the accomplishment of the