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APPENDIX NO. 32.

LOYAL ADDRESSES.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it Please Your Majesty :

We, Ministers and Ruling Elders, representatives of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded by our annual General Assembly, convened at Halifax, of expressing the sentiments of loyalty which we cherish, and which, we are confident, are cherished by the entire Presbyterian Church in Canada towards Your Majesty's person and throne.

We unite with the rest of the subjects of the Empire in tendering our heartiest congratulations on the completion of the fiftieth year of Your Majesty's reign, and in cherishing the hope that Your Majesty's rule, which has been adorned with every virtue, and associated with the advancement of civil and religious liberty throughout your wide domain, may be greatly prolonged.

Realizing the responsibility imposed upon us as office-bearers in an important branch of the Church of Christ in this Dominion, we are endeavouring to foster in the new world the principles of truth and righteousness handed down to us by our fathers; and in this connection we feel that it is no small privilege still to draw inspiration from the institutions of the mother country, and enjoy the protection afforded by the British flag.

In common with all your subjects, we take a deep interest in whatever concerns the happiness and welfare of Your Majesty and the other members of the Royal Family; and we beg to tender to Your Majesty and to your illustrious daughter, Victoria, the Dowager Empress of Germany, the expression of our sincere sympathy in the sorrow that has recently befallen her and the great German nation, to which Your Majesty is bound by so many ties, in the death of His Majesty, Frederick III., Emperor of Germany. Touched by the accounts which have reached us of his Christian fortitude and resignation throughout a protracted illness, we deplore the loss which Europe has sustained in the taking off, after so brief a reign, of a ruler endowed with virtues and gifts which promised to be of advantage to the whole civilized world; and we unite in praying that his widow and family may be upheld and comforted in this season of sore bereavement.

That the Lord of all the earth may ever have Your Majesty in His holy keeping, blessing you in all temporal concerns, and giving you a good hope through grace; and that when Your Majesty's earthly reign is ended, He may bestow upon you a crown of glory that fadeth not away, is our united and heartfelt prayer.

In name and by appointment of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

June 21st, 1888.

W. T. McMULLEN,
Moderator.

ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON, K.C.M.G., ETC., GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

May it please Your Excellency :

We, Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at present in General Assembly convened, gladly embrace this our first opportunity of tendering to Your Excellency our congratulations on your recent appointment to the honourable position to which our beloved Queen has called you as Governor-General of this Dominion, and our cordial welcome to this field of your administration.

In the selection by Her Most Gracious Majesty of Your Excellency as Her representative, we recognize with pride and gratitude the estimation in which she holds this great colony.

We earnestly pray that your administration as Governor-General may result in shedding fresh lustre on your already illustrious name, and be conducive to the best interests of the Dominion.

We beg to present to Your Excellency our unfeigned expression of loyal and most devoted attachment to the British Crown and Empire, and fondly trust that the righteousness which exalteth a nation may continue to prevail throughout Her Majesty's great and vast Empire.

We beg respectfully to present to Your Excellency our sincere wishes for the health and welfare of yourself, Lady Stanley and family, and pray that the Governor among the nations, in whose hands are the life and times of every individual, may so guide you and your counsellors, that the period of your administration may be one of uninterrupted happiness and prosperity to all the members of your illustrious household, as well as to those under your authority.

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June 21st, 1888.

W. T. McMULLEN,
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