

justice, and has often thrown the shield of protection over the feeble. Those who revere our beloved country cannot fail to point with peculiar exultation to these as among the grandest events in our history. It rejoices our heart to reflect that, in the declaration of this war, as to the motives for which it has been undertaken, the world has received another proof how deep the sense of justice, is in the heart of the British people,—how tender their sympathies are with the oppressed,—and how ready they ever are to make all sacrifices to preserve the freedom of others as well as their own.

At a crisis so momentous, it is extremely cheering to think of the unanimity which prevails among all classes of your Majesty's subjects, as to the necessity, at length, of the solemn step which has been taken, as well as the loyalty to your Majesty's Person which animates every bosom, on the present trying occasion. But, while we would not overlook these as weighty considerations, as also the vast resources of the British Empire, as grounds of hope that a brave people shall at length triumph, still we must not forget that Divine aid is indispensable to such a triumph as shall be for the glory of God and the real good of the nations of the earth. It was, therefore, to us exceedingly gratifying to find that, while your Majesty was sending forth the naval and Military forces of the country to fight the battles of justice, You were directing your subjects to lift up their hearts, as no doubt you were lifting up your own, in supplication to Almighty God for his help. We would fain hope that these prayers have been heard, and that God, whose throne is a throne of righteousness, will so direct your Majesty's councils by His infinite wisdom, that all measures may be taken which may best conduce to bring this war to a speedy and successful termination, and that while it continues, He may, by His omnipotent arm, strengthen and protect your brave warriors in the day of battle.

Although the struggle which has begun may be sore, and may not soon end, and deeply as we deplore the miseries which it must bring on many of our fellow men, yet when we consider the justice of the cause in which the armies and fleets of our country are engaged, we do not only hope for success, but also firmly believe that God will make the issue of this war in many ways subservient to the advancement of the principles of true liberty and pure religion throughout the world.

That the God of all consolation may greatly bless Your Majesty, not only as Sovereign of the British Empire, but also in the dear relationships of wife and mother which you so eminently adorn, is our earnest prayer.

Signed, at Toronto, this Sixth Day of June, one Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Four 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

JAMES WILLIAMSON,

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