

grossed and signed by the Moderator in name of the Synod.

The Moderator, Mr. Hunter, and Professor Wier were appointed a Deputation to wait upon His Excellency and deliver the Address to himself; and also to put into His Excellency's hands the Address to the Queen, and to request him to transmit the same to the proper quarter.

The said Addresses were also ordered to be inserted in the Minutes, and are as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.
May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, embrace the opportunity when now met in Annual Synod, of approaching Your Majesty with the sincere expression of our devoted allegiance to the British Throne and strong attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government.

At this momentous crisis in the History of our Country, when loyal subjects in every part of Your Majesty's wide dominions are mingling their expressions of allegiance and sympathy around the Throne, we do not think that we are going beyond the legitimate sphere of our duty which is to promote peace and good-will among men, while having respect to the Divine Command which unites "the fear of God" with the "honour of the King," we also approach Your Majesty, with our tribute of unfeigned loyalty, respect and sympathy.

As a Branch of one of the Established Churches of the Empire, though we have no temporal endowment from the state, we nevertheless enjoy, under the Dominion of Your Majesty and the protection of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, all the advantages of a free Constitution. For these blessings we are unfeignedly thankful; and we will never cease, in our sacred vocation, to evince our gratitude by inculcating lessons of allegiance and social order upon our people, while we press upon them their duty to that overruling Providence who has "ordained the powers that be" and required "obedience to them for conscience sake."

We deem it especially becoming and incumbent on us in the present conjunction of affairs, to offer up our humble prayers to Him "by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice," that He may be graciously pleased to support Your Majesty under the cares and trials consequent on the War in which our Country has been involved by the unjust pretensions of a foreign power. Persuaded that the struggle in which Your Majesty with Your Allies is now engaged is just, and necessary to repel the encroachments of an adversary who seems to use his vast resources only to aggrandize himself, and to extinguish the religious and political freedom of Europe, we are dutifully constrained to supplicate Almighty God that He may grant success to your Majesty's Arms, so that, under His gracious Providence, there may speedily be secured an honourable and permanent peace.

Our people throughout this dependency of the British Crown have manifested their sympathy and concurrence in the justice and necessity of this War, by liberally contributing of their substance to aid in alleviating the sufferings of the Widows and Families of those brave men who may fall on the battle field.

Trusting that the Great Head of the Church and Ruler among the Nations may ever counsel and defend Your Majesty, and render ineffectual the machinations of your enemies, our prayer is that the richest blessings of The

King of Kings may descend upon Your Majesty, Your Royal Consort, and all the Members of Your Illustrious Family.

Signed at St. John, in the Province of New Brunswick, this seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in name, in presence and by appointment of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

JOHN M. BROOKE, D. D.
Moderator.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland, avail ourselves of this our first meeting since your arrival in the Province, to congratulate Your Excellency on entering upon your public functions, and to express our best wishes for your personal welfare, and the prosperity of Your Government.

It affords us much satisfaction that Her Majesty, in the exercise of Her high prerogative, has appointed as Her Representative, in New Brunswick, one who is animated by the strongest desire to promote the best interests of that portion of the British Empire in which our lot has been cast; and we beg to assure Your Excellency that it will ever be our earnest endeavour to aid you, in our respective spheres, in all that can advance the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people committed to our care.

We regret the temporary depression by which the commerce of this Province has been so seriously affected, but we trust that, by the blessing of Divine Providence, under Your Excellency's Administration, a time of prosperity may speedily return.

As the Ministers and Office bearers of a Church, which, from its first establishment in our native land, has ever sought to promote a sound religious education, we desire to see the same introduced in this the land of our adoption, and we earnestly hope that a system may be devised, based on religious principles, such as shall bring the opportunities for acquiring those branches of learning which are most generally useful within the reach of all classes of the community.

While we would deprecate, in the strongest manner, any attempt to overthrow the only Collegiate Institution existing among us, we at the same time consider it indispensable that King's College should be so liberalized and modified as to adapt it to the wants and circumstances of this country, to secure for it the confidence of all classes, and thus to render it more extensively useful in imparting to our youth the higher branches of learning.

In our public ministrations and in our private intercourse with our people, we will ever adhere to the practice which we have hitherto followed—to inculcate loyalty and submission to civil government, as enjoined, not only by the laws of man, but also by the laws of God Himself.

That Your Excellency's residence amongst us may be productive of much comfort to yourself and advantage to the Country over which you have been called to preside; and that along with the Honorable Mrs. Manners Sutton and your youthful Family, you may

enjoy every blessing, is our earnest wish and fervent prayer.

Signed at St. John this seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five years;—in name, in presence and by appointment of the Synod of New Brunswick, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland.

JOHN M. BROOKE, D. D.,
Moderator.

The Synod then entered upon the consideration of the Overture on Church property, whereupon, after reasoning, it was moved and seconded that, whereas there is danger of property belonging to the Church being alienated from it, and whereas there is no legally recognized body within our Church, having authority to vindicate the right of this Church to its property, be it therefore

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to devise a measure whereby this Synod may be incorporated as a body politic, under the name of "The Moderator and Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, in connexion with the Church of Scotland as by law Established," with right to sue and be sued under the fore-mentioned name and title; that it shall be the duty of this incorporation to require from all the Trustees holding Church property in connexion with this Church an Annual Report of the state of their Trusteeship; and to take the supervision generally of all matters connected with the temporalities of Churches within the bounds of the Synod.

It was also moved as an amendment and seconded, that this subject be deferred till another year, and that a Committee be appointed, in the meantime, to collect information and report to next meeting of Synod. The amendment being put from the chair it was decided in the negative, and the question being then taken on the original motion, it was carried by a considerable majority. Dr. McGill requested it to be recorded that he declined voting, not being sufficiently acquainted with the matter in question. A Committee was then appointed to carry out the object of the motion, when the Moderator, Rev. Mr. Ross, Rev. Mr. Donald, Hon. John Robertson and Hon. Harris Hatch were nominated to constitute said Committee.

The Synod then adjourned till the evening when it met according to appointment for devotional exercises. The Rev. George W. Sprout commenced the services with praise, prayer and reading a portion of Scripture. The Rev. Dr. McGill then delivered an eloquent and impressive address from Isaiah li. 7. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, &c.," and the Moderator concluded with prayer.

SATURDAY, 18 August.

The Synod being met and constituted with prayer proceeded to take up the Overture in reference to King's College, Fredericton, when the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

I. That this Synod deprecate as a great misfortune any attempt to suppress the only Collegiate Institution existing among us.

II. That, at the same time, they consider King's College, in its present Constitution and Administration, unsuited to the wants and circumstances of the Province.

III. That, rejoicing in the fact that the Commissioners, in their Report, recognize religion as the basis of all sound education, the Synod approve generally of the amendments and additions—the remodelling, indeed—of King's College proposed by the Commission;