

of Wales, as they had also to Her Majesty the Queen, in accordance with their custom, and appointed a Committee* to make the necessary arrangements for its transmission. After the intimation was given that copies of all addresses intended to be presented should be forwarded to the Governor's Secretary, a copy was at once forwarded to that official. As the Committee charged with the address were also desired to notify the members and elders throughout the Province of the levee and place of the presentation, they endeavoured to procure the necessary information, but only elicited the reply that it might be presented at one of the levees which would be held. On renewed application they were at length informed, on the very morning that the levee was held, that the address might be presented at Montreal, but that the members of the Synod would only be received as individuals; and that no reply would be given at the time. On the receipt of this information a meeting was held by the ministers and elders who had come from various parts of the Province to accompany the address, at which it was at once resolved to address the Duke of Newcastle, asserting in respectful but firm terms the right of the Synod to be received, and to be treated on terms of perfect equality with the Church of England, and a letter of this nature was placed in his hands, but, unavoidably, only as the levee was about to commence. The Synod were then in attendance, and were summoned to the presence of His Royal Highness next after the Church of England, whose Bishop read the address and received a reply from the Prince. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland, followed by his clergy and elders, afterwards entered and was presented. He was asked if he had not an address, whereupon he produced it and commenced to read it. In this he was interrupted by the Governor General (Sir Edmund Head), who informed him that he could not read it, but must simply hand it, without a reply, to the Prince. Dr. Mathieson then informed the Governor General that such a course would neither be satisfactory to the deputation nor respectful to the Church, and that he would doubtless have another opportunity of presenting it on equal terms with the Synod of the Church of England. He then with calmness and dignity rolled up the parchment, handed it to the Clerk of the Synod and withdrew, after being presented to His Royal Highness.

The indignation of the members of the deputation was very great at this treatment, and they were determined not to submit tamely to such an indignity, but rather to carry the grievance to the foot of the Throne and demand redress there, unless it were at once apologized for. When addresses were received at Quebec from the Episcopal Synod, from the Roman Catholic Bishops (none being present) and from the Ursuline Nuns, and at Montreal from the Episcopal Synod, and were all specially replied to by the Prince, it was impossible to allow a slight of so marked a character as this one to pass by unnoticed. Besides then the public refusal of the Moderator to present the address, it was deemed right

to demand of the Duke of Newcastle, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the responsible adviser of the Prince, that the address should be presented at Kingston by the Synod, and that they should be there received on terms of equality with the Church of England, and that a reply should be formally given. A firm and temperate, but resolute and determined, representation of this character was accordingly prepared and transmitted by the Moderator to the Duke of Newcastle. The result of this protest was that the Duke of Newcastle expressed his regret for what had occurred to the Moderator, and invited him to present the address at Kingston at the levee to be held there. Conceiving that thus the most ample public apology would be obtained, the Moderator acquiesced in the proposal, and it was agreed that the address should be presented at Kingston. There the unfortunate difficulties which prevented the Prince from landing also prevented the holding of the contemplated levee; but, as the Synod were in attendance there by special invitation as a provincial body to receive a public recognition of their rights, it was, we think wisely, decided to present the address on board the steamer *Kingston* in accordance with an invitation to that effect. Accordingly we quote from the telegraphic report of the Associated Press an account of what then transpired:

"A deputation from the Synod in connection with the Church of Scotland went on board the *Kingston* by special invitation with the address to the Prince of Wales which was adopted at the last annual meeting of the Synod. Dr. Mathieson, the Moderator, headed the deputation and read the address. The Prince read the reply. The reception was of a very gracious kind. In regard to the misunderstanding which rose at Montreal, where the Moderator refused to give in the address without reading it on the ground that the Synod of the Church of Scotland was as much entitled to this courtesy as the Synod of the Church of England, the deputation had reason to be satisfied that it was fully got over. The deputation came to Kingston by special arrangement between the Duke of Newcastle and the Moderator to present the address at the levee which was expected to be held here, and, when it was ascertained this morning that there was to be no landing and no levee, the Moderator intimated the presence of the deputation in a letter to the Duke, who invited them to go on board."

The Address is as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:—

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland beg to approach Your Royal Highness with our respectful and cordial welcome on the occasion of your arrival in this part of the dominions of our beloved sovereign, the Queen. We hail with most lively satisfaction the appearance amongst us of so important a member of the Royal Family as the Heir Apparent to the Throne, regarding, as we do, the presence of so distinguished a visitor as adding another to those numerous links of sympathy and affection which already bind the North American Provinces so firmly to the British Crown. We are persuaded that in your tour through the Province, amid much that may manifest the infant state of the country, your

Royal Highness will observe with satisfaction the progress that has already been made in the development of its material resources and the numerous indications of a yet greater advancement. Feeling assured that without the influence of Religion presiding over national advancement, true prosperity cannot be enjoyed by any people, it is our care, as a branch of the Church of Scotland, from which so large a portion of the population have come to this new land, and it shall be our endeavour in the exercise of the duties of our sacred office, to keep the adherents of our Church in the paths of piety and virtue in which their fathers walked. And, whilst thus in our own sphere doing our part to promote the spread of pure and undefiled religion, we are also persuaded that we thereby take the surest means of cherishing in their breasts sentiments of loyalty to the Sovereign and respect to Her Government. That Almighty God may bless Your Royal Highness with length of days and all other temporal and spiritual blessings, and that He may finally call you to the inheritance of that crown of rejoicing which is laid up for those, whether of high or low degree, who serve the Lord, shall ever be our earnest prayer.

To which His Royal Highness replied in the ensuing terms:

It is with much satisfaction that I receive the address which you have presented to me on behalf of the Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland. You are too well acquainted with the views and feelings of the Queen not to be aware how anxious she is for every thing that can promote the religion and morality of her people, and how earnestly she watches the results of the labours of those who devote themselves to teaching the Word of God. She will therefore rejoice to learn from your own lips that the ministers of your persuasion are training their people in the paths of piety and virtue and in habits of loyalty to the Sovereign and obedience to the laws. I trust that their efforts, in common with those of the other churches of this land, may long prosper, and that under their care a population may be reared fearing God and honouring the Queen. I beg you to accept my thanks for imploring the blessing of Heaven on my behalf.

And thus the difficulty which at one time threatened to be a serious one was arranged. But yet its consequences remain. Our rights have been maintained, and their firm assertion has since obtained for other churches a reception and recognition at the hands of the advisers of the Prince, which they would not otherwise have had. The course adopted by our Synod, too, in this matter, and specially the conduct of the Moderator in most perplexing circumstances, have had the approval of the Protestant population of Canada. We should be glad to see a suggestion, which emanated from Western Canada, carried out and a public memorial presented to the Moderator in recognition of his services. He richly deserves such a token of approval at our hands.

CONGREGATION OF WHITBY.

As will be seen in another column, this congregation has given an unanimous call to the Rev. Kenneth McLennan, of Paisley, to become their Pastor. At a meeting of the Presbytery of Toronto,

*The appointment was in the following terms: "The Moderator, Dr. Cook, Dr. Barclay, The Clerk, J. Greenshields, and A. Morris, are appointed a Committee to make all necessary arrangements for the presentation of the Address, and the Synod recommended as many of the Ministers and Elders of the Church as possible to attend on the occasion."