

The Address of the Synod to Her Majesty the Queen, was signed by the Moderator in presence of the Synod. The said Address is as follows:—

*Unto the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod, embrace the opportunity thus afforded us of again tendering the expression of our sincere attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

Feeling, as we ought, a deep interest, not only in the spiritual, but temporal well-being of the country in which our lot is cast, it affords us much satisfaction to say that this Province is at present in the enjoyment of no ordinary share of prosperity. A bountiful Providence has so graciously smiled on the labours of the industrious, for some years past, that it may, without exaggeration, be said that the greater part of your Majesty's subjects in Canada are in full possession of all the comforts of life. That vast multitudes of poor but industrious men have been enabled by patient toil to make for themselves homes in this country, in which poverty is almost unknown, cannot but yield to your Majesty the most pleasing reflections. And while the wonderful natural resources of the colony ought not to be overlooked, yet it were criminal to forget that for this extraordinary prosperity, the Province is, in many ways, to a great extent indebted to British Institutions, as far as these have been established among us, and to our happy connection with the Mother Country. It is not, therefore, wonderful that we, in common with all good men, should ardently desire to see these Institutions more widely extended, and that we should earnestly pray that that connection may for ever continue. We have a very thorough conviction that the extension of British dominion, has, in all cases, been the extension of liberty, order, and substantial prosperity. While this is seen in all the dependencies of the Empire, it is seen in none more clearly than in this colony. Hence it is alike our duty and our inclination to cherish in our own hearts, and in the hearts of all over whom we can exercise any influence, a profound respect for the stability and glory of that Empire, which God has made instrumental in accomplishing so much, not only for the civil but for the spiritual interests of the human family. The honour of reigning over such an Empire is only less than the responsibility.

But while, in this Province, we can rejoice in the peace, order, and prosperity that prevail among us, we are not indifferent to a great and painful event which has lately taken place. It penetrates us with grief to think that since we last addressed your Majesty, Great Britain has been necessitated to declare war against the Emperor of Russia. It were quite foreign to the nature of this Address to enter at large into the merits of this most solemn question. It is enough to say that, in regard to the position taken by your Majesty's Government as to this war, we think it eminently just, and in the highest degree generous towards the weak and the oppressed. It is no vain boast to say, that Britain has often drawn the sword in defence of the sacred claims of