

of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, being now assembled in our Synodical capacity, embrace this opportunity of again respectfully addressing Your Excellency as the Representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign in this part of Her Majesty's dominions.

We rejoice, on this occasion, once more to declare our ardent attachment to our beloved Sovereign, and our profound regard for British Institutions. It is our deep conviction that the best way to cherish a healthy loyalty is to imbue the minds of the people with a healthy piety. It is our sacred task to labour to accomplish this, while we hold it to be the bounden duty of our Rulers to make wise and good laws, and prudently and fearlessly to carry them into effect. We firmly believe that both of these things are necessary to produce and sustain genuine loyalty, under free institutions, or to make such institutions a blessing to mankind.

In an address of this sort, we feel precluded from touching on many topics on which, as Christians and Citizens, in these times, we cannot but take a lively interest. We must, however, express our intense anxiety for the preservation of the union of this Province with the Mother Country. We trust that the fears which have been awakened in many good and loyal hearts on this momentous matter, may be speedily allayed, and that the designs of artful and wicked men may be calmly, but promptly and firmly repressed by Your Excellency, so that in this, as well as in all other respects, you may show yourself to be "a terror to evil-doers, and a praise and protection to those who do well."

In the conflicts of party politicians, for party ends, we as a Church Court, never have engaged, and never intend to participate. Our aim has ever been to preserve and expand those grand elements of the Constitution which are essential to the liberty and well-being of the whole people. And we, who minister in holy things, are well assured that this will be most effectually accomplished by widely diffusing that Bible knowledge throughout the country, which, when imbibed by the popular mind, never fails, in the long run, to guide men to what is right, in all the relations in which they stand to their God and to their fellow-creatures.

We rejoice to think that the Province is at present blessed with a large measure of temporal prosperity and peace, and we would fain hope that the commercial embarrassments and social misunderstandings which have resulted from great changes which have taken place shall not again return.

It is our earnest prayer that your Excellency, as the Chief Magistrate in this land, may ever be surrounded with wise men—men fearing God and hating covetousness—and at all times feeling their deep responsibility not only to the powers of earth, but to the Great God that ruleth over all; and that in your personal and family relationships, Your Excellency may possess every temporal and spiritual blessing which

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