

APPENDIX I.

*To His Excellency, Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet,
Governor General of British North America, etc., etc., etc.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, now assembled in Synod at Hamilton, embrace the opportunity of again assuring Your Excellency of our loyalty to our Most Gracious Queen, our attachment to the British Constitution, and our earnest desire to advance the best interests of this great country, in which Divine Providence has cast our lot.

We believe that nowhere is more true freedom enjoyed than in the dominions of Her Majesty, and that no form of Government is better fitted to promote the happiness of its subjects, than that which is established in Great Britain and her Colonies. And we therefore hope that Canada may long remain under the protection of the British flag, and in the enjoyment of those laws and institutions, which have raised the Mother Country to its present high rank among the nations.

But we know from the Word of God and from observation, that the happiness of a people is dependent, not so much on their outward privileges and advantages, as on their moral and religious character. And we therefore deeply feel the responsibility which devolves on us as office-bearers in the Christian Church, to use unwearied diligence in leavening the minds of our population with the principles of true Christianity. The influence of our Church however, is at present very much curtailed by the want of a sufficient number of Ministers, to undertake the charge of those who desire and need their services. And accordingly, besides applying for additional Clergymen from Scotland, we are endeavouring to increase the efficiency of Queen's College, Kingston, where our own students are trained for the sacred office. That Institution still flourishes. It is annually sending out young men highly qualified for the varied learned professions, and is well deserving of Your Excellency's assistance and patronage.

Our efforts for the welfare of our adherents would be vastly aided by the better observance throughout the Province, of that holy day, which the Almighty has specially set apart for religious instruction and worship. And we rejoice to learn that the Legislative Council has recently requested Your Excellency to take steps to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath, by public servants, and in those public works which are under Government control; and that the Legislative Assembly has passed the third reading of a Bill having the same object in view. We are persuaded that by carrying out such a measure, Your Excellency's administration will do honor to itself, impart high satisfaction to the religious portion of the community, and confer a great boon on the people of this land.

Our Church has always taken a profound interest in the education of the young. And while the present system of our Common Schools in Western Canada, has not our entire approval, we have been

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