

ADDRESS TO THE HON. L. A. WILMOT, D. C. L.,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Presented, on the 15th July, by Rev. C. J. Spurgeon, D. D., Asa Coy. Esq., and A. D. Lopez, Esq., who were appointed a deputation for that purpose.

The ministers and members of the New Brunswick Baptist Association, desire to tender to your Excellency their sincere congratulations upon your appointment to the office of Lieutenant Governor of this your native Province.

Although they are not associated with you by the ties of denominational relationship, they rejoice in the thought that they are united with you in the far higher and more sacred bonds of allegiance to the same Lord, and of consecration to the same service of faith and holiness; and they recall with pleasure the fact that for many years your honored father, long a member of their body, was ready to co-operate with them in every good work.

They would not forget the obligations they are under to you for your advocacy of their claims to religious equality, and to the enjoyment of educational privileges without distinction of sect or party.

To yourself, in conjunction with other advocates of the principles of freedom, they are indebted for securing the recognition by the Legislature of their right to receive provincial aid for services rendered to the State by the education of the young; and now that the principle of equality is firmly established, they would not be unmindful of the struggle by which that result was secured; and before the generation, which can remember that struggle, passes away, they rejoice in the opportunity of placing upon record their feelings of gratitude to you for the share you took in bringing about the existing state of things.

They also desire to express their appreciation of the changes effected in the Provincial University, the wisdom of which is evinced by the degree of prosperity which that Institution has of late enjoyed.

They trust that your Excellency will be encouraged in the prosecution of the same liberal and enlightened course of procedure during your tenure of the high office with which you have been invested, and their fervent prayer will ever be that yourself and Mrs. Wilmot may, through life, enjoy the blessing of the Most High, and in the world to come inherit everlasting glory.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Association,

W. A. COREY, *Moderator.*
J. M. CURREY, *Clerk.*

JAMES, 9th July, 1869.

To which the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to make the following

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN—It is especially gratifying to me to receive the truly fraternal congratulations of your "Association," and I thank you for them.

My heart responds to your claim of a higher relationship than that which is merely denominational. Divisional lines and marks may serve the purpose of a more complete sectional organization, but they give no material strength in the hour of conflict.

Glorious have been the victories won by your church in the various parts of the world, but they were won by you as a part of "the mili-