

embrace this opportunity of again expressing our regard for your Excellency, and through you, as the Representative of our Gracious Queen, our loyalty and attachment to her person, and our unabated admiration to the British Constitution.

As Ministers of Religion, as well as loyal subjects of the Queen, and earnestly desirous of the prosperity and advancement of this portion of her Empire, we have observed the spirit of the times with deep interest, and we have offered up daily prayer to the Supreme Disposer of all things, that he may over-rule every event for our good.

In the discharge of those duties which properly belong to us, as Ministers and Elders of a Christian Church, we endeavour to inculcate upon our people those sacred truths which by the grace of God are fitted to exert the happiest influence upon their character and conduct. We have enforced, according to the grace given to us, those moral principles which have been revealed to direct us in the conduct of life, and which constitute the best foundation for national improvement and happiness. We are earnest in declaring that the Divine favour is the source of prosperity both to individuals and nations; and that we cannot escape those righteous judgments which are sent for the punishment of National sins, if in any way we dishonour Him "by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice."

To the dissemination of truth,—the practice of religious duties,—the religious discipline of families,—the advancement of a Scriptural education among the youth of our charge,—our attention has been sedulously directed. These are the best and surest means of leading ultimately to a sound and healthy state of feeling in the community at large, and of disposing men to a calm and enlightened discussion of public questions. Such a disposition it is our sacred duty to inculcate and promote, and in so far as our efforts, and those of our fellow labourers in the same cause, are attended with success, those unhappy disturbances which sometimes afflict society, as well as the causes from which they spring, will disappear.

The views entertained by us on the subject of education,—that which it is the duty and the wisest policy of the State to provide for the people,—are in conformity with those held and so successfully carried into practice in our native land. The foundation of public education must be laid in the Bible; for the formation of the religious character demands the chief care, not only for the eternal salvation of the individual, but for the temporal order and well being of society.

We are filled with regret and disappointment in observing the almost total exclusion of the religious element from the public education of Canada, both in our Common Schools, and more strikingly in the recent act for the Amendment of the Charter of King's College,—the only Collegiate Institution in the Province endowed at the public charge. If, as has been pleaded, the total exclusion of the religious element became necessary because of the impossibility of reconciling the different branches of the Christian Church existing among us upon any Catholic basis, we regret the result all the more on account of the alleged necessity, and we declare to your Excellency our belief that

the cath  
whether  
circumsta  
generally  
to promot

That yo  
this Provin  
from above  
graces of  
taker of th

Sig  
E  
an  
of

It was un  
Dr. Machar  
for the hospi

The Synod  
Bell, Clerk  
William King  
Ministers; Dr  
Mr. John You  
Bell, Mr. Wil  
Mr. Thomas H  
Mr. George M  
tery of Kings  
Williamson, P  
David Allan,  
Ferguson, Mr.  
Ministers; Mr.  
W. Thomson, E  
Mathieson, Mr.  
Mr. William Si  
Ministers; Mr.  
Dr. John Anders  
of Glengary, Mr  
Purkis, Mr. Tho  
James Pringle, a  
MISSIONERS of thi