

To the Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of the Dominion of Canada :

GENTLEMEN,—I have received with great pleasure your Address of welcome on my appointment to the post of Governor General of the Dominion of Canada.

Your expressions of attachment to the Throne are an additional instance of the loyalty which pervades all denominations and all classes among the population of this United Country, and faithfully re-echo the sentiments of that great religious community of which you are Representatives on this side of the Atlantic.

I trust that your expectations in regard to my future career may not be disappointed, and that my course of action will be such as to deserve the support of all who are interested in the cause of religion and morality.

I can assure you that the maintenance of the peace and contentment of the country will be my anxious care, while your wishes in regard to my own happiness cannot fail of fulfillment, so long as the Dominion over which I am called to preside continues to enjoy that prosperity with which its future bids so fairly to be fraught.

Descended on one side of my house from Presbyterian ancestors, and bred in the midst of a Presbyterian population, I have had ample opportunities of appreciating the beneficial influences which your church exercises over its members, who are everywhere distinguished as industrious, peaceable and loyal citizens.

I have conveyed your kind congratulations to Lady Dufferin ; and am desired to return you her sincere thanks, and to express her sense of the value she attaches to your cordial welcome.

CITADEL, QUEBEC, Aug. 30, 1872.

WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING.

The Baptists of the Maritime Provinces are engaged in raising a fund of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for their college. They have already done much for their beloved *Acadia*, and now they are putting forth a crowning effort. We wish them success in their noble enterprise. The Methodists are engaged in raising a fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars for the endowing of their Theological Chairs at Sackville. This is a highly creditable effort, and we are glad to say that it already verges on complete success. The Episcopalians have recently completed their Endowment Fund for aiding weak congregations in scattered

districts. This Fund is \$100,000 or upwards. Our brethren in Montreal have raised a very handsome endowment for the Presbyterian College there, and are contributing with great liberality to the support of the Institution by means of bursaries, &c. In the United States, scarcely a week passes in which we do not read the record of some noble gift to the Seminary at Princeton, to the Union College, New York,—to the Seminaries in Chicago or San Francisco. About \$100,000 have been raised in a year or two to endow two Professorships in Princeton—the Archibald Alexander Professorship, and the Dr. Hodge Professorship. And in the United States Seminaries, young men are liberally aided while prosecuting their studies for the ministry. So ample are the funds furnished, so freely is aid given, that even young men from these Provinces are sometimes beneficiaries. The Methodists in the United States are building and endowing seminaries at a cost of a million dollars and more. The Dutch Reformed are raising \$300,000 to endow their Theological Seminary.

If from America we extend our view to Great Britain, there, too, we find all the churches up and doing, devising liberal things, doing noble things for the Master. The rich are giving their tens of thousands: the poor are contributing their mites.

Now, therefore, the question comes to us with great force, What are *we* doing? Surely the Presbyterian Churches in the Provinces beside the sea have a great and noble work to do: are we doing it? Others are working; God expects us to work. We live in a time of excitement and commotion, and we cannot afford to be idle. God's curse evermore follows idleness, uselessness. Let us take heed lest that curse should come upon us. The apostles of error are active on the right hand and on the left; how is it with the children of light? Let us examine ourselves while yet there is time, lest our doom should be that of the servant who hid his Lord's money.

There is scope in connection with our church for much well-doing. Nearly all