

70 APPENDIX K; ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

We thankfully acknowledge the great privileges we enjoy in this important dependency of the British Crown; and, while we would endeavour to use wisely and temperately the free institutions we have received, we rejoice in the connexion which secures for us, at so great a distance, the protection and care of the Parent Government, and permits us to entertain for a Sovereign so universally esteemed and beloved, sentiments of pure and unswerving loyalty.

We can never forget the important part which a Christian Church has to perform in the government of the people. It is her duty to teach those divine principles of the Word of God on which all human government ought to be based, and, while pointing the way to Heaven, to inculcate upon her people their duty to each other and to their fellow-men. It is our prayer to the Almighty that the work of the Christian Church, so far as it has been intrusted to us, may be faithfully performed, and that our people may be true to their profession as the servants of God.

We have to express our gratitude to God for a measure of prosperity, which could scarcely have been anticipated with civil war raging on our borders, for the continuance of peace, and for a sense of security which the willing and ready protection of the Imperial Government, as well as the spirit of the people themselves, imparts. We are confident that the inhabitants of this Province will be ready to make every sacrifice for the defence of their country and for the honour of the British name, should events, which God forbid, call for this proof of attachment to the Government under which they live.

We respectfully request Your Excellency to forward the accompanying Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

That God may grant to Your Excellency all success and comfort in the administration of the affairs of this Province, and that His blessing may ever rest upon yourself and your family, is the sincere prayer of this Synod.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, at Toronto, this Fourth Day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-two Years, by

WILLIAM LEITCH,
Moderator.

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