

ADDRESS OF
PRINCIPAL GRANT
BEFORE THE
PRIVATE BILLS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
MARCH 16, 1882,

On Consideration of Bill No. 66, "An Act to Amend the Act Intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Board for the Management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in Connection with the Church of Scotland,' and the Acts Amending the Same."

The Committee met at 10.30 a.m.

THE CHAIRMAN (Mr. Cameron, Victoria) invited Mr. J. L. Morris, Counsel promoting the Bill, to name some gentleman to address the Committee in favour of the Bill. Mr. Morris named the Very Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, and the Committee signified its pleasure that he should be heard.

PRINCIPAL GRANT.—The Committee were assured at the outset yesterday that the question before the Committee is not a question of union. I hope to show before I finish that it is that and nothing else. I submit that the hundreds of Presbyterian congregations who are petitioning the House are better judges of their own business than even my learned friend Mr. Macmaster. It is to be supposed that they understand what they are doing. Mr. Lang twitted Mr. Macdonnell yesterday with wishing to know the facts about his Church. It is only fair to say that we have a right to know. When gentlemen ask for our property it is surely reasonable that we should ask who they are, and how many they are. I am perfectly well aware that a question between majori-