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THE following Addresses have been received by the Secretary for Scotland from the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh for presentation to the King and Queen on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding, and have been presented to Their Majesties accordingly.

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES KING
GEORGE AND QUEEN MARY.

May it please Your Majesties,—

WE, Ministers and Elders of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, now met in Commission, desire with humble respect and loyal devotion to tender the warm congratulations of the Church of Scotland on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Majesties' wedding. With the whole Scottish people we give thanks to Almighty God for the manifold goodness He has vouchsafed to your Majesties throughout these years; and our earnest prayer is that the Divine blessing may continue to rest upon your Majesties through many years to come, gladdened by an unbroken family circle, and cheered by the loyal affection of all the peoples of the Empire.

On this notable anniversary we recall with feelings of profound appreciation and gratitude the unmeasured devotion of your Majesties to the highest interests of the Empire, and we rejoice in

the fulfilment of the fond hopes which animated the British people, on that day of happy memory, when, as Duke of York, the Heir to the British Throne won a British Princess for his bride. It has been of inestimable value to our people that, for a quarter of a century, in the home life of the Sovereigns of the Empire there has been given an example that has gladdened, strengthened and inspired; and to the Church it has been an abiding cause for rejoicing before God, that your Majesties' living sympathies and active co-operation have ever been readily accorded to all endeavours for the spiritual advancement of the people of our land.

It is with special satisfaction that we avail ourselves of this opportunity of giving expression to the deep gratitude with which your Majesties' incalculable services to the Nation, throughout these four years of war, have filled the heart of the Scottish people. The tireless devotion to the welfare of the Empire, the unfailing sympathy extended to the suffering and the sorrowing, the self-denying labours and ever ready sacrifice in the national cause, and the Royal comradeship with the Nation in all vicissitudes of fortune, have bound the people of our country to their much-loved King and Queen with ties that are indissoluble. For these priceless services we respectfully offer our warmest gratitude to your Majesties, and we give thanks to Almighty God who has so blessed our Nation in these troubled days.

That your Majesties may be gladdened by a speedy victory over the enemies of our Nation, with the establishment of a righteous and enduring peace, and that Almighty God may