

grant your Majesties a long and happy reign over a loyal and prosperous people, is, may it please your Majesties, our most earnest prayer.

May it please Your Majesties,

We are,

Your Majesties' most faithful and loyal subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in Commission of the General Assembly.

Signed in our name, and in our presence, and at our appointment by—



J. N. OGILVIE, D.D.,

Moderator.

Edinburgh, 10th July 1918.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, The Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh in our own name and as representing the Citizens of the Ancient Capital of Scotland, respectfully offer our sincere and cordial congratulations to Your Majesty and to your illustrious Consort Queen Mary on the completion of twenty-five years of happy wedded life.

We recognise with much satisfaction and thankfulness that the high expectations which were cherished on the occasion of the auspicious union a quarter of a century ago have been amply fulfilled. We in common with all our fellow-subjects entertain the most lively feelings of respect, admiration and affection towards Your Majesty, your Royal Consort, and your Family. We have followed with pride the career of the Heir to the Throne—His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales—and his devoted service to the Country.

We further recognise with unbounded feelings of gratitude and admiration the noble example set by Your Majesty and Queen Mary amidst the trials and anxieties of the present time. We have complete faith and confidence that the great struggle now going on will under Providence be crowned by victory, for the cause of righteousness, justice and liberty for which Your Majesty and your Allies have taken up arms and are sustaining a conflict of unprecedented magnitude.

We fervently pray that Almighty God will comfort and sustain Your Majesty, and that long life, health and happiness and every blessing may be vouchsafed to Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort.

We take this opportunity of renewing the expression of our loyalty to Your Majesty's Person, Throne and Government.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the Ninth day of July 1918.

(Sgd.) J. LORNE MACLEOD, Lord Provost.
A. GRIERSON, Town Clerk."

To which Addresses the following gracious replies have been sent by Their Majesties' Command:—

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, S.W.1.
2nd August 1918.

"RIGHT REVEREND SIR,

I have had the honour to lay before the King and Queen the Loyal Address of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding, and I am commanded to convey to you Their Majesties' sincere thanks therefor.

The King and Queen are deeply touched by the sentiments of loyalty and devotion to which the Address gives expression, as well as by the personal references to Their Majesties' happy married life, and Their services to and comradeship with Their people during these years of War.

The King desires devoutly and thankfully to acknowledge the high benefit derived by the nation from the Christian example of the Church of Scotland. He joins with your Ministers and Elders in earnestly praying that a righteous and enduring peace may in due course crown the sacrifices of His people and His Allies in the cause of justice and humanity.

His Majesty is happy in the confidence that the Church of Scotland, in sympathetic co-operation with her sister Churches throughout the land, will continue to fortify the hearts of the Scottish people with its spiritual ministrations.

I have the honour to be, Right Reverend Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) ROBERT MUNRO.

The Right Rev. J. N. Ogilvie,
D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland."

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL, S.W.1.
21st August 1918.

"MY LORD PROVOST,

I have had the honour to lay before the King the Address in which you and your fellow Magistrates and Councillors of the City of Edinburgh, on your own behalf and as representing the Citizens of the Scottish Capital, offer your congratulations to His Majesty and the Queen on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding.

I am commanded by His Majesty to convey to you His sincere thanks for the eloquent expressions of loyalty and affection contained in the Address, and in particular for the kindly personal references to Their Majesties and to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

His Majesty cherishes a warm regard for your historic City, and He desires to take this opportunity of expressing His deep appreciation of the spirit of patriotism which has animated the efforts and sacrifices of its Citizens, under your worthy guidance, in the great cause which the nation has for so long been sustaining.

I have the honour to be, My Lord Provost,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) ROBERT MUNRO."

The Right Honourable The Lord Provost of Edinburgh.