

assure Your Majesty of the support of the Church of Scotland for the crusade of reconciliation to which You have called us, and of the unflinching prayers of Your faithful subjects in Scotland that the peace and unity to which we are committed in the Lord Jesus Christ may everywhere be realised in Church and Community.

We desire, with loyal respect, to express our admiration for His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, in the resolute standards of faith and thought, of initiative and leadership, which have so signally characterised his life, not least in public affairs; as also for His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, who with all Your Majesty's children, holds a place of warmest affection in the hearts of Your Scottish people.

We pray that God Almighty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, may richly bless Your Majesty and Your Household in this Year of Jubilee and Celebration. May He give Your Majesty supreme joy in Your own home, and continued strength and health in Your reign over us.

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects,

The Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name by

THOMAS F. TORRANCE, *Moderator 1976.*

JOHN R. GRAY, *Moderator 1977.*

D. MACDONALD, *Principal Clerk.*

PETER P. BRODIE, *Convener, Business Committee.*

C. K. DAVIDSON, *Procurator.*

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I am deeply grateful for the Loyal Address which you have presented on behalf of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland.

Over the last twenty-five years I have seen much at first hand of the life and witness of the Church of Scotland both at home and overseas; and it is a particular source of pleasure to me to have been able in these last days again to attend the General Assembly.

The wide-ranging scope of the Assembly's debates offers continued testimony to its concern, as the highest court of the national Church, for all facets of the life and well-being of the people of Scotland. I am quite certain that each and everyone who has been present will leave fortified and encouraged in their faith.

For your generous references to myself and my family I offer you my thanks. The renewed assurances which you give me of the loyalty and affection of the Church of Scotland strengthen me in my continued resolve faithfully to discharge, under God's guidance, the duties of my high office.

27th May 1977.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, and Principal, in our own names and on behalf of the University Court, the Senatus Academicus, the Teachers and all other members of Staff, the Students, and the General Council of the University of Edinburgh, on this happy occasion of Your Majesty's Silver Jubilee, offer our loyal and most cordial congratulations.

Sharing the general rejoicing in the signal services rendered by Your Majesty to all the peoples of the Commonwealth over the past twenty-five years, we take particular pride in Your Majesty's ancient Scottish descent and in this University derive especial pleasure from the fact that Your Majesty's name adorns our roll of honorary graduates and holds the first place in our devotion and esteem.

Since the time when Your Majesty's royal ancestor, King James the Sixth, announced his intention to take our College under his protection, its members have been proud and happy to enjoy the royal favour in their continued quest for true learning and excellence. Never more so than in this year of Your Majesty's Silver Jubilee, when we so clearly recognise in our sovereign lady one who has faced and faithfully discharged a complex burden of responsibilities. In due humility, but

with profound conviction, we assert that Your Majesty's devotion to the loftiest ideals shines out in these difficult times, a bright and steadfast star for all to see.

So heartened and inspired by this example, we for our part pledge ourselves to such ready and diligent service as lies within the limits of our capacities and training, in the University and in the wider community of which it is an integral part.

And we, your subjects, shall ever earnestly pray that Your Majesty, aided, protected, and comforted by the members of the Royal Family, may long continue illustriously to reign over a people united in good accord, prosperity, and peace.

PHILIP, *Chancellor.*

MAGNUS MAGNUSSON, *Rector.*

HUGH ROBSON, *Principal.*

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Address:—

I accept this Address with particular pleasure from the University of Edinburgh, of which I am Honorary Graduate.

I acknowledge with gratitude your renewed assurances of loyalty to the Throne and of continued service to the community. I am confident that the University will continue to play its full part in the pursuit of knowledge and understanding.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty,

We, on behalf of the University of St. Andrews, declare with our humble duty our deep devotion and loyalty to Your Majesty's Throne and Person on this, the joyful occasion of your Silver Jubilee.

For more than five centuries, our own tradition has sought to preserve the best in our heritage, alike in liberty and learning.

In the mists of antiquity it was a light which guided our forefathers from ignorance to knowledge. In the mists of uncertainty which have swirled about us during the years of Your Majesty's reign, we have striven to follow in that tradition, always safeguarding the liberty and ever advancing the learning.

During these challenging years, Your Majesty has set us a steadfast example of courage and faith in dedication and duty. Many of those who will mould the future, as our forefathers moulded the past, are passing through the Universities now. It is our hope and our prayer that liberty and learning will ever illumine their onward path.

We have witnessed your labours for your people, your long and exhausting travels, your goings-out and your comings-in, with affectionate admiration and pride. We give thanks to Almighty God for all that Your Majesty has meant to us.

We welcome Your Majesty's Silver Jubilee for many reasons, but not least for the occasion it affords us to pledge our allegiance anew; and this we do, with all our heart.

BALLANTRAE, *Chancellor.*

STEVEN WATSON, *Principal.*

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I am glad to receive at your hands this Address pledging the loyalty of the oldest University in Scotland to the Throne.

I know something of the services already rendered throughout the centuries by the University to the cause of learning in Scotland; and I will continue to follow with interest the academic life of your ancient foundation.

27th May 1977.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty,

In our high privilege of direct access to the Person of the Sovereign, we Your Majesty's faithful subjects, representing the University of Glasgow, humbly approach Your Majesty that we may tender our loyal and sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne.