

*Buckingham Palace, June 6, 1856.*

THIS day the Right Honourable the Earl of Derby, D.C.L., and a Deputation from the University of Oxford, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, beg leave to approach your Majesty's throne with the renewed assurance of our devoted attachment. With heartfelt thankfulness to Almighty God we desire to offer our congratulations to your Majesty on the termination of the late War, and the re-establishment of the Peace of Europe.

We have been cheered, amidst the misery and affliction which the War has entailed on many of your Majesty's subjects, by the examples of heroism, of patience, of Christian charity, and devotion which it has called forth. We have observed with admiration and gratitude that Royal sympathy which has comforted our fellow-countrymen under their trials. We are persuaded that the result will be to knit all classes more firmly than ever in brotherly union with one another, and in loyal and affectionate attachment to your Majesty's throne and person.

We rejoice that your Majesty has been enabled, in concert with your august Allies, so speedily to terminate a just War by an honourable Peace, that in the late negotiation provision has been made for suppressing the practice of privateering and averting the renewal of War, and that freedom has at length been obtained for Christianity in the land of its birth.

It is our earnest prayer that, under the peaceful sway of your Majesty's Sceptre, the spiritual welfare of your Majesty's subjects may be effectually promoted and the Gospel of Christ more widely diffused; and that while commercial enterprise and the industrial arts continue to flourish we may also be found, in our own sphere, so labouring in the sound religious and moral training of the young, and in the cultivation of learning and science, as to make peace on earth minister to the glory of God.

Given at our House of Convocation, under our Common Seal, this tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord 1856.

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

"I receive with great satisfaction the congratulations you have offered me on the re-establishment of Peace in Europe.

"While deeply sympathising with the sorrows and privation which the War in which we have recently been engaged has inflicted on many of my people, I cordially share your feelings of admiration for the heroism, patient endurance, and Christian charity and devotion of which it has produced such bright examples; and I gratefully appreciate the constant support which I have received from all classes of my subjects, in a contest entered upon with a deep sense of its justice and necessity, and which has happily been brought to an honourable and satisfactory termination.

"I trust that the Peace which I have concluded, in concert with my august Allies, will be of long

continuance, and that by God's blessing it will tend to the promotion of those high objects and interests which are essential to the welfare and happiness of mankind, and to the advancement of which your influence and exertions are so usefully devoted."

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THIS day His Royal Highness Prince Albert, and a deputation from the University of Cambridge, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne :

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, humbly beg leave to approach the Throne with our respectful and cordial congratulations on the happy occasion of the termination of the War in which your Majesty has been engaged.

We recall to mind, with deep thankfulness to Providence and strong affection to your Majesty, the tranquillity and prosperity which the empire had enjoyed during the previous part of your Majesty's auspicious reign, and we cannot doubt that those years will be reckoned among the happiest portions of English history.

Yet it will not fail to be regarded as an addition to the glories and benefits of that reign, that it included a War, undertaken for the maintenance of right and justice, and the security of future generations; carried on with a courage and energy, on the part of your Majesty's soldiers and sailors, which no age or nation has surpassed; softened by truly Christian ministrations to its victims; marked by the extinction of ancient enmities and rivalries; and ending in a satisfactory settlement of the questions for which it was begun:—a Peace truly glorious to the nation, as being free from any impress of selfish purpose.

That this glory should have been added to the peaceful blessings of your Majesty's reign at the cost of only two years of war, we esteem a peculiar felicity, on which we beg leave to offer our warmest congratulations. In proportion as we look upon War as a condition which, even when necessary, is deplorable, and even when successful is calamitous, we are deeply thankful to the goodness of God which has spared us the continuance of such a state, and put a speedy end to its concomitant evils.

May the Providence, which has hitherto been so gracious, continue its favour to your Majesty in all the events, public and domestic, in which your Majesty is concerned, and preserve and bless you through a long series of peaceful and happy years.

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

"I receive with sincere gratification your loyal and dutiful address.

"I fully share your feelings of thankfulness to Divine Providence for the many blessings with which this country has been favoured both in Peace and War.

"While I heartily appreciate the zeal and resolution of my people in the prosecution of a just