

common with all your Majesty's faithful people, with sentiments of thankful joy, and fervent wishes that it may be attended by the Divine blessing.

It is our earnest prayer that it may please the Giver of all good to fulfil the hopes fondly cherished by your Majesty and by His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, for the happiness and prosperity of your beloved daughter and her husband, and for the welfare of the two nations, whose ancient alliance will be drawn closer by their union.

And we are encouraged to contemplate with the greater confidence this happy prospect, by the assurance which we entertain of the high and noble qualities of the royal bridegroom, and by our knowledge of the inestimable privilege which Her Royal Highness the Princess has enjoyed of being brought up in the principles and practice of true religion, and of having continually before her eyes the bright example of domestic virtue, and of the conscientious discharge of the highest functions and duties of royalty.

Given at our House of Convocation, under our Common Seal, this twenty-eighth day January, in the year of our Lord 1858.

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

"I thank you very sincerely for your loyal and affectionate Address, and for the additional proof which you have afforded me on this happy occasion of the dutiful attachment to my person and family constantly evinced by the University of Oxford.

"I fervently join in your prayer that it will please God to fulfil the confident hopes entertained for the lasting happiness of my beloved daughter and of the excellent Prince her husband, and I trust that their union will also promote the best interests of the two great nations whom it draws together by a new and closer bond."

*Buckingham Palace, February 9, 1858.*

THIS day His Royal Highness The Prince Consort, 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 devoted and loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, beg leave to present to your Majesty, our hearty congratulations on the recent happy Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince Frederick William of Prussia.

While we are not insensible to the loss which your Majesty cannot fail to experience in being deprived of the society of the Princess at an age when her many good qualities exert the most attractive influence, we have satisfaction in feeling assured that the character of the Prince, who is the favoured object of her choice, gives the best security for her future happiness, and we hail with

joy the strength afforded by this additional bond of union to the long existing relations of friendship between the Kingdom of Prussia and your Majesty's dominions.

May the Giver of every good and every perfect gift pour down His blessing on this happy Marriage, and may your Majesty find ample reward for the care and solicitude with which you have watched over the education of Her Royal Highness, in the knowledge that she is happy and beloved in the country honoured by her presence, and that she is spreading an influence for good on all sides there, through the many virtues by which she is distinguished.

Given under our Common Seal, this 6th day of February, 1858.

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

"I receive with great satisfaction your congratulations on the happy Marriage of my beloved daughter with a Prince who is in all respects worthy of her, and I thank you sincerely for the sympathy you have expressed with my feelings on an event so deeply interesting to me.

"I fervently join in your prayer that this Marriage may, by God's blessing, ensure the lasting happiness of one who is most dear to me, and who will ever cherish a grateful recollection of the affectionate interest in her future welfare, which has been so warmly and universally evinced throughout her native land."

*Buckingham Palace, February 9, 1858.*

THIS day the Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations of the cities of London and Westminster waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive on the Throne :

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great and Ireland, &c., &c., &c.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations, residing in and near the cities of London and Westminster, approach your Royal Presence to offer our respectful congratulations on the happy Marriage of the Princess Royal with Prince Frederick William of Prussia, expressing on this occasion our continued attachment to your Majesty's person and throne. We desire your Majesty to believe that we sincerely sympathize in those parental and domestic affections which this interesting event must have so powerfully awakened, and that we follow with earnest prayers, both public and private, for the richest of earthly and heavenly benefits, the young Prince and Princess to the country which is Her Royal Highness's adopted home, and to which we trust they are destined unitedly to become so great a blessing. May it be the daughter's happiness to emulate the virtues of her mother. We have the more satisfaction in offering to your Majesty our dutiful congratulations on this joyous occasion, because the event which has thus united the Royal Houses of Great Britain and Prussia draws into closer friendship those two great