

"It has been a satisfaction to Us to permit Our dear Son to cross the sea without delay to visit the Dominions from which My Crown and My Government have received such service and proofs of devotion."

*Whitehall, March 18, 1901.*

THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at Saint James's Palace on the 12th instant :—

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Convocation of the Province of York.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Convocation of the Northern Province, think ourselves happy in the possession of our ancient right of address to the Crown, inasmuch as it enables us to express at this time to Your Majesty our sincere and loyal attachment to Your Throne and Person. We especially desire to record the profound sense of our national loss, and the unfeigned and respectful sympathy which we in common with all lands and peoples desire to tender on the death of Your Revered Mother, our much beloved, long honoured, and most gracious Queen. Her name will ever be associated with the longest reign in the annals of our history, with a period of unexampled prosperity, and with an undreamed of extension of our Empire. Under Her faithful guardianship our Church has widened the scope of its activity at home and has extended its work far into distant lands. Under Her wise and sagacious rule, measures have been passed which have proved of lasting benefit to the people, more especially to the labourer and the artisan, the woman and the child. Her devotion to duty, Her truthfulness of character, Her noble example of life and the unsullied purity of Her Court did much to keep high the standards of public life and private conduct. Her unflinching sympathy and Her simple womanliness of heart created a tender and unique attachment to Her Throne and Person among the millions of Her subjects, and the impressive spectacle of a world-wide sorrow which Her death evoked will remain a lasting evidence of the resistless power and influence of the simple virtues when expressed with constancy in a faithful and devoted life.

We desire therefore to offer the homage of our sorrow and of our sympathy in the inestimable loss which has befallen our Empire and Your Majesty's Royal House.

While giving expression to our sense of this great sorrow, we desire to record our unshaken loyalty to Your Majesty's Throne, and our earnest conviction that the experience of a grief in which all have shared will tend to cement those bonds of affection and devotion which during the last sixty years have grown strong between the Throne and the people of this Realm.

We know well, and we have heard with gladness, Your Majesty's reverent resolve to walk in the steps of Your Revered Mother and of Your Illustrious Father. We have noted with pleasure the deep and increasing interest which Your Majesty has long taken in the welfare of the people, in the care of the sick and the housing of the poor; and the untiring and sympathetic efforts on behalf of our suffering and wounded countrymen made by the Noble Lady who shares Your Throne, our gracious Queen Alexandra.

While expressing anew our loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty on ascending the Throne of Your Ancestors, We offer the assurance of our prayers that Divine Wisdom may be with Your

Majesty in the high responsibilities of Your exalted station. We trust that under Your Rule the hearts of all Your People may be knit together in brotherly union and concord, and that moved by reverence of spirit they may in true devotion of conduct co-operate with Your Majesty in fulfilling the high duties to which our race and nation seem by God's Providence to be called. Our hope and prayer is that Your Majesty may long be spared to see the peaceful consolidation of Your Empire, and under its influence the recognition throughout the world of those principles of just government, rational liberty, and personal rectitude, which We owe to the teaching of our Divine Master. To this end We pray that the faith of Christ, to which the character of Our People owes so much, may be widely diffused over the world, and more sincerely manifested amongst ourselves, to the peace of Your Throne, the welfare of nations, and the benefit of mankind.

Dated at York, the twenty-second day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

Signed on behalf of the Convocation of York.

*Wilhelm. Ebor, President.*

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

"I THANK you for the loyal and dutiful address expressing your sincere attachment to My Throne and Person.

"The touching words in which you make truthful record of the great qualities of My beloved Mother, and trace their beneficent effect upon Our Church and Empire and upon the public and private life of Her people are a profound consolation to Me in Our present grief.

"I join in your prayer that the blessings which signalized My Mother's reign may be continued in My own, and I am confident that the activity of the Church, ever growing in scope and discernment, will be as heretofore a most powerful factor in My people's welfare."

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To His Most Gracious Majesty the KING.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the three Denominations—Presbyterian, Independent, and Baptist—residing in or about the cities of London and Westminster, approach Your Royal Presence to offer our congratulations on Your Accession to the Throne, and to express our unabated loyalty to Your ancient and illustrious House.

We share the sorrow which the death of Your beloved Mother has brought to the heart of Your Majesty. We mourn the loss of a good and great Queen, who won the love and loyalty of Her people by the virtues of Her character, as well as by the beneficence of her reign. And our warmest gratitude is felt to the Author of all good, for the unparalleled enlargement and prosperity, which He deigned to bestow upon our Nation and Empire during Her late Majesty's long and remarkable rule.

We recall with thanksgiving the promise made by our late revered Queen at Her Accession in response to an address from our Lady, always to "respect the rights of conscience, and to the utmost of Her power to extend to all equal and impartial justice." The fulfilment of that pledge