

deeds of former Etonians in the hour of their country's need. We wish therefore to express on behalf of the boys our deep sense of Your Majesties' favour, and of this fresh proof which You have afforded of interest in the welfare of the School.

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

"The Queen and I are most gratified by your loyal and dutiful address.

"We have always felt a special interest in successive generations of Etonians and deep concern for their welfare while at school and for their success and credit in after-life. Of those whom I now see before Me some will, I have no doubt, aim at high positions in the State and attain distinction equal to that of their most honoured predecessors; others will serve their country with vigour and reputation in Our Forces or in the professions of Art and Learning. Your success and the repute which you enjoy in the mouths of men, and—what is still more important—in your own mind and conscience, depend upon the use which you make of the means which are now placed generously at your disposal for the cultivation of your minds and bodies and the development of your character. Whatever may be your subsequent careers, you all have the opportunity of leaving Eton trained in the knowledge and accomplishments of English gentlemen, and disciplined to the self-restraint, the consideration for others, and the loyal acceptance of private and public duties which are the ideals of our race. I exhort you to value, and to make the most of, that training and discipline.

"You can have no better example than that of the brave men of whom this splendid building is a loyal and lasting memorial. They sacrificed themselves with devotion for the great cause which we have all at heart, the cause of our country; and freely laid down their lives for her sake. In their lives and by their deaths they maintained the traditions which have made Eton renowned in our history: those traditions are now in your keeping: be worthy of them.

"I pray earnestly that the blessing of God may attend the career of every one of you."

At the Court at *Windsor Castle*, the 21st day of *November*, 1908.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixteen of the Pluralities Act, 1838, as amended by section eight of the Pluralities Act, 1850, it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the Archbishop of the Province, with respect to his own diocese, and whenever it shall be represented to him by the Bishop of any diocese, or by the Bishops of any two dioceses, that two or more benefices, or that one or more benefice or benefices, and one or more spiritual sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, in his or their diocese or dioceses, being either in the same parish or contiguous to each other, and of which the aggregate population shall not exceed one thousand five hundred persons, may, with advantage to the interests of religion,

"be united into one benefice, the said Archbishop of the province shall inquire into the circumstances of the case; and if on such inquiry it shall appear to him that such union may be usefully made, and will not be of inconvenient extent, and that the patron or patrons of the said benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages respectively, is or are consenting thereto, such consent being signified in writing under the hands of such patron or patrons, the said Archbishop shall, six weeks before certifying such inquiry and consent to His Majesty as hereinafter directed, cause, with respect to his own diocese, a statement in writing of the facts, and in other cases a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation to be affixed on or near the principal outer door of the church, or in some public and conspicuous place in each of such benefices, sinecure rectories or vicarages, with notice to any person or persons interested, that he, she, or they may, within such six weeks, show cause in writing under his, her, or their hand or hands, to the said Archbishop, against such union; and if no sufficient cause be shown within such time, the said Archbishop shall certify the inquiry and consent aforesaid to His Majesty in Council, and thereupon it shall be lawful for His Majesty in Council to make and issue an Order or Orders for uniting such benefices, sinecure rectory or rectories, vicarage or vicarages, into one benefice, with cure of souls, for ecclesiastical purposes only."

And whereas the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, hath duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a certificate in writing, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We the undersigned Randall Thomas Archbishop of the Province of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan do hereby certify to Your Majesty in Council.

"That the Right Reverend Frederic Henry Lord Bishop of Ely as Bishop of the diocese within which are situate the vicarage of Saint Mary the Great in the town of Cambridge and the vicarage of Saint Michael in the same town having represented unto us that the said benefices being contiguous to each other and of which the aggregate population does not exceed fifteen hundred persons might with advantage to the interests of religion be united into one benefice, we enquired into the circumstances of the case.

"That on such enquiry it appeared to us that such union might be usefully made and would not be of inconvenient extent and that the Master Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College Cambridge being the Patrons or persons entitled to present to the said vicarage of Saint Mary the Great and also to the said vicarage of Saint Michael (if both or either of the same were now vacant) have consented to the proposed union.

"That six weeks and upwards before certifying such enquiry and consent to Your Majesty in Council we caused a copy in writing of the aforesaid representation of the said Lord Bishop to be affixed to the principal outer door of the parish church of each of the said benefices with notice to any person or persons interested that he she or they might within such six weeks show cause in writing under his her or their hand or hands to us the said Archbishop against such union and no such cause has been shown.

"The representation of the said Lord Bishop of Ely, our enquiry into the circumstances of the case, the statement of circumstances in reply thereto the consent in writing of the said Master