

and dutiful assurance of our Loyal devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

In accordance with a long and valued custom it is the duty and privilege of a new Convocation to present a loyal Address to the Sovereign. The Convocation now assembled is new in a very special and indeed unprecedented sense. The Convocations of the Clergy Measure, 1920, to which Your Majesty was pleased to give Your Majesty's Royal Assent, declared that the Convocations of Canterbury and York had power by Canon lawfully passed and promulgated to amend the constitution of the Lower Houses thereof. The Convocation of York thereupon petitioned Your Majesty to give Your Majesty's Assent and Licence to make, promulge and execute a Canon to effect the amendment of the constitution of its Lower House. Your Majesty graciously gave this assent and Licence, and after full consideration the late Convocation duly promulgated and executed the Canon. By virtue of its provisions, the Convocation now assembled is more truly representative of the whole Clergy of the Province than at any time in the long history of the Convocations of the Church. It is our earnest hope that this reform may enable us with a fuller measure of authority to take counsel for the welfare of the Church and People of this Realm.

Your Majesty's reign has been made illustrious by the great Victory, which under the favour of God, rewarded the long efforts and sacrifices of Your Majesty's Forces and Peoples in the war which for four years desolated the world. But the task of establishing peace has proved to be scarcely less anxious than the task of waging war. The restoration of a world torn by the ravages of the most terrible war in history calls for the highest gifts of wisdom, patience and courage. We fervently pray that these gifts may be abundantly bestowed by Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift upon Your Majesty and upon all the Statesmen and peoples of Your Majesty's Empire.

The one pressing need of the world is a stable peace, and we pray that Your Majesty's constant efforts to attain this end may be crowned with success. We hope that increasing trust and power may be given to the League of Nations, wherein lies the surest hope of abiding peace among the nations of the world.

We rejoice that at this anxious time Your Majesty has had the counsel of Statesmen gathered from all parts of Your Majesty's Empire. We would offer our tribute of gratitude to the Prince of Wales for the brilliant services which His Royal Highness has rendered to the British Commonwealth by giving new warmth and strength to the Union under one Throne of all the Nations who are within that Commonwealth.

With all our hearts we share the hope to which Your Majesty has given noble expression that a new day of peace and goodwill may dawn upon the darkness of distrust and confusion in Ireland and pray that God may be pleased to guide the hearts and minds both of leaders and peoples towards the fulfilment of this hope.

We who in this Convocation are deeply concerned with the life and labour of a vast industrial population welcome the signs now appearing in the realm of industry that suspicion and struggle are giving place to a new spirit of trust and co-operation. We most

earnestly desire that the national Church may be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to help forward every movement making for the fellowship of all classes and nations and by its faithful proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be an instrument in the hands of God for cleansing and enlightening the hearts and minds of men.

That God may give His continued blessing to Your Majesty, to Her Majesty the Queen, and to all the Royal Family is the heartfelt and constant prayer of the Members of this Convocation.

Signed on behalf of the Convocation of the Province of York.

*Cosmo Ebor*, President.

*W. Foxley Norris*, Dean of York,  
Prolocutor.

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

It is a sincere pleasure to Me to receive your loyal and dutiful Address. I thank you for your prayers that blessings may be bestowed upon Myself, the Queen and all the Royal Family.

The recent Canon to which I was pleased to assent will give to Convocation a more representative character and a greater strength and breadth of counsel in forwarding the interests of the Church and People of this Realm.

It is right that you should recall that, though nearly three years have passed since the Armistice, the thoughts of men are still chastened by the depression that has followed the period of war and by the anxieties and burdens that still beset them. A stable peace is the goal towards which we must unceasingly labour, and I feel confident that My Ministers at home and from My Dominions beyond the seas will keep it unwaveringly before them. I thank you for your graceful tribute to My beloved son. His visits to different parts of My Empire have, I hope and believe, done much towards strengthening the bonds of fellowship. I am deeply touched by the signs of generous and whole-hearted loyalty with which he has everywhere been welcomed by the most diverse and distant of My subjects.

It is a cause of deep and sacred relief for which we owe thanks to God that in answer to My appeal a new sign of hope has arisen in Ireland. I pray that the promise of a new era now held out may be realised and that My Irish People may be united one to another in peace and goodwill.

I recognise fully the great duty that you perform amidst a vast industrial population. We are confronted with the supreme and vital task of rebuilding our commerce and prosperity, and in that task we need the goodwill and active co-operation of every citizen. I welcome with satisfaction your assurance, which I am confident you will fulfil, that you will labour to exhort each man to work in fellowship and love with his neighbour for the advancement of the State. We can remember also that goodwill amongst citizens is the first and in the end the surest foundation of peace among nations, and in labouring for the one you will be labouring for the other. I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your efforts.