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Whitehall, 6th March, 1923.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty, at Buckingham Palace, on Monday, the 5th instant:—

CONVOCAION OF CANTERBURY.

We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, approach Your Majesty with the dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

The recurrent opportunity afforded to us by the presentation of an Address to Your Majesty at the opening of a new Convocation can never be a merely formal event. We are able thereby to remind ourselves and others of the share which the Christian Church claims in the common life of the nation, and of the witness which it desires to bear to the lofty spiritual standards by which all human actions ought to be governed.

Only eighteen months have elapsed since the last occasion when we approached Your Majesty, and the anxiety which Your Majesty expressed in the reply then given to our Address has not yet, we fear, been materially relieved. Your Majesty gave expression to the hope that, as the outcome of the deliberations then proceeding, the Irish people might

be united in making a new and happy era for their native land. The realisation of this hope yet tarries. We still have grave perplexities to face. Nor are our home problems Irish alone. While the revival of trade must needs, we are told, be slow, the shadow of unemployment is darkening thousands of English homes. We recognise too—and it is with profound sadness—that on the Continent of Europe and in the Near East there are vast areas wherein the nations are at variance, and there is even overt strife, but we recall with interest and with high hope Your Majesty's stimulating words that "It is with enduring patience and unabating faith that we must hold to our determination to create a happier earth." It lies outside our range or purview to intervene in controversies mainly financial, or, in the narrow sense, political. But the roots of the still-persisting strifes seem to lie deeper, and Christian men of every nation, as those to whom the Gospel of the Prince of Peace is committed, are bound to set themselves, if it may be, to prevent the growth or maintenance of the spirit of hatred and ill-will, the spirit of hard selfishness and pride, when these show themselves in the relation of nations to one another. We desire whole-heartedly to support the ideals of the League of Nations, and we pray that God may bless and strengthen its work for international co-operation and for