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FRIDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1932.

Whitehall, February 21st, 1932.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty, at Buckingham Palace, on Friday the 19th instant:—

CONVOCATION OF CANTERBURY.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

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

We are conscious that the opportunity of addressing Your Majesty, on the opening of a new Convocation, comes to us at a time when difficulties and perplexities confront the whole world. On none must these manifold causes of anxiety press more heavily than on Your Majesty. We therefore welcome the chance, which our privilege affords us, of assuring Your Majesty alike of our respectful sympathy and of our whole-hearted appreciation of Your Majesty's unflinching zeal and practical concern for the good of all your subjects in these testing times.

We dare to believe that many of these present difficulties will yet prove to have been as goads pressing the peoples forward to a

new order of international fellowship. A world, already so manifestly interdependent economically, requires closer co-operation between Governments and greater readiness on the part of the peoples to act together for the good of all. Civilisation must move in this direction lest it perish. It is our fervent hope and prayer that the International Conferences about to assemble will carry us further on this road, and we are confident that Your Majesty's Government will exert itself to the uttermost therein to allay fears and suspicions, to remove their causes, to quicken mutual trust, and, for the sake both of peace and of honour, to secure the largest possible measure of general Disarmament.

But, so far as it can, each nation has also to work out for itself the restoration of its own prosperity, and happily signs are not wanting that, in the face of common dangers, Your Majesty's subjects in this country are being drawn together in mutual sympathy, in firm resolve, and in willing self-denial for the common good.

As always, and not least in these critical days, beyond readiness to adjust ourselves to the needs and demands of the hour, we need a faith which will give meaning and purpose to life, assurance that some of our highest hopes are meant to be realised because they