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Whitehall, November 14, 1945.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Monday the 12th instant:—

CONVOCAATION 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 Throne and Person.

Five months ago when we were last privileged to address Your Majesty, on the successful conclusion of the war in Europe, we prayed that a like victory might soon be achieved in the Far Eastern war. Now that this prayer has been granted, we join with your Majesty in giving humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the cessation of hostilities, and desire to express once more the heartfelt gratitude which we feel for the steadfast example and untiring sympathy of Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen throughout the years of the nation's trial.

On this occasion, moreover, we value especially the privilege of approaching Your Majesty afforded by the opening of a new Convocation. We are reminded not only of Your Majesty's constant solicitude for the welfare of the Church of England, but also of the indispensable contribution which the Christian forces in this country and in Your Majesty's Dominions beyond the seas are required to make towards the restoration and maintenance of peace throughout the world.

We feel deeply the weight and complexity of the problems which these tasks present to Your Majesty's Government and people, alike in the pacification of the passions and anxieties aroused by war and in the adjustment of men's thoughts and lives to the changed demands which changed circumstances make upon them. We would assure Your Majesty of our desire to co-operate in the effort to solve these problems, and we are confident that the Church will do all in its power to bring to bear on the task that love of justice, freedom and peace which it is the part of the Christian religion to instil.

During the war a number of Measures have been passed through the Church Assembly and have

received Your Majesty's assent which have aimed at adapting the Church's organisation to the difficult circumstances of the times. These difficulties have arisen partly from the destruction of churches and other church buildings by enemy action, which in certain areas has been on a very large scale, and partly through the release of many of the clergy for service as Chaplains in Your Majesty's Forces. We look forward, however, to a replenishment of the ranks of the Ministry during the next few years, and we believe that the experience gained amid the exigencies of war will be found to point the way to new methods in the Church's discharge of its pastoral duties to Your people.

Important legislative proposals have been brought before Parliament in which the Church has special interest. The Education Act of 1944 has laid the foundations of a comprehensive system of national education, in the development of which we hope and believe that the Church will take its full part. We look forward also to the plans which have already been foreshadowed for the provision of better care of the sick and a more liberal scale of pensions for the disabled and the aged. Our heartfelt support, furthermore, will be given to the efforts urgently needed to overcome the shortage of houses, and to ensure that those which are unworthy of our people shall be replaced by healthy and happy homes.

We would conclude, as always, with the humble prayer that the Divine Blessing, through our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue to rest upon Your Majesty, upon our Gracious Queen and upon every member of the Royal House.

Geoffrey Cantuar, President.
W. R. Matthews, Prolocutor.

12th October, 1945.

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

I thank you most heartily for your Address on behalf of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, and I am grateful to you for your assurances of loyalty and devotion.

When, in May of this year, the Convocation last addressed me there was little reason for hoping that our prayers for the speedy ending of all hostilities would be so quickly answered. By the Grace of God, peace has now been restored and we can devote our thoughts and our energies to building up new and better conditions of life. I am glad to hear from you that the Church is desirous of taking a full part in helping to solve the difficult problems with which we shall be faced. It will be a support to my Ministers to know that in developing their schemes for improving the social security of the nation, for reforming its educational system, and for overcoming the shortage of houses, they may count upon the active co-operation of the Church.

I have watched with much interest the steps which the Church has taken during these critical years to keep its work abreast of modern conditions; and I am very glad to have this opportunity of expressing to you my most sincere admiration of the way in which the Clergy have discharged the duties and responsibilities which have fallen upon them, at home and wherever my Forces have been engaged often in most difficult circumstances. You are, I am sure, well advised to make the best use of the experience which has been gained so painfully and I hope that your endeavours will meet with good success.

I am grateful for your prayers on behalf of Myself and My Family, and I earnestly pray that the Blessing of Almighty God may rest on you in all your labours.

CONVOCAATION OF YORK.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

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

We meet at the end of a war which has wrought, as no other in history, grief and devastation to all the world. At such a moment we would do more than offer Your Majesty our customary homage; and ask permission to voice our deep sense of gratitude for Your Majesty's personal leadership of all Your peoples through six years' battle for existence, freedom, and a Christian ordering of life. Together