

It is gratifying to me to learn that the Church is fully conscious of its responsibilities to my people at home in the anxious times through which we are passing, and that it is no less concerned to point the way of life amidst the perplexities and perils which confront us now than it was to guide the conscience and establish the heart of the nation in the difficult transition from war to peace. Our civilisation has a religious basis: our tradition is a Christian tradition; both are threatened today.

I am glad to think that there is today an increased readiness on the part of many people to acknowledge the claims of the Christian Gospel, and of the Church to present that Gospel in terms related to the present conditions of individual and community life.

I confidently believe that as the Church thus rises to meet the challenge of the times it will extend the range of its own influence, both at home and overseas, and so be enabled to remedy the grave shortage of Ordained Ministers and the financial stringency which now hamper its activities. As an earnest of this belief, I learn with great satisfaction that in recent years the lay members of the Church in every Diocese have considerably increased their gifts to diocesan and central funds. In many cases these gifts must have entailed real sacrifices, and I am glad to record my appreciation of the responses of the laity. I never cease to admire the work of the Clergy in their Parishes and I am especially glad to have this opportunity of expressing my recognition of their faithful ministry maintained, as it is today, amid conditions of intense difficulty and, in many cases, of their own poverty. The Queen and I trust that their unceasing devotion may bring to them its own reward.

I am deeply grateful for the assurance of your constant Prayers for my Family and myself, and I pray that the Blessing of Almighty God may ever rest upon your deliberations and your labours.

#### CONVOCATION 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 desire to express to Your Majesty our great happiness in Your recovery from a disablement which Your people knew was caused by Your anxious and assiduous labours on their behalf. Also, since this Convocation last addressed Your Majesty, at the approaching marriage of Their Royal Highnesses The Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Your Majesty has been given a grandson and Your Throne an heir in the happy birth of Prince Charles. From our heart do we thank God for both these blessings.

Among the many distresses overshadowing a world in which the wounds of war remain unhealed, are two in the domestic life of our own land, to banish which the Church would strive with all its strength. The first concerns the affections and discipline of married life and the home. The evils which follow from the decline of this precious element in our national life are patent on all sides; but in combatting them, the happiness of Your Majesty's home and family life, founded on a stable Faith in God, gives Your country both an example and encouragement.

The second concerns public and private standards of integrity. The honesty of our dealings one with another has built up in the past a tradition of English character which has proved, we believe, of immeasurable value not only within our own community, but to the world. That the standards should deteriorate, under whatever strain or stress, is to the Church of God intolerable. It is our mission as ministers of Christ to proclaim the righteousness and the love of God as the only source of the health of our nation and the life of the world; in fulfilling this mission we are grateful to Your Majesty for Your sympathy and encouragement.

We pray most earnestly that the good hand of Almighty God may rest always upon Your Majesty, upon Her Majesty the Queen and upon Your Royal Family, and that He may crown Your Reign and Realm with the full blessings of peace.

Cyril Ebor, President.  
B. Pollard, Prolocutor.

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

It is with very real pleasure, Your Grace, that I have received your Address on behalf of the Convocation of York. I deeply value, and I thank you most warmly for, your affectionate and generous references to myself and my family. I have indeed been blessed in my domestic life and The Queen and I would wish that all my people should enjoy the same happiness. In an age, when much that we hold dear is threatened we must work to preserve and strengthen a proper sense of family responsibility and of family unity, for on these are based our traditional way of life. You have rightly stressed the importance of the family. Our Christian heritage is developed in the family; and so far as lies in my power I shall support all your endeavours to maintain and strengthen the family tradition.

I share your concern at the decline in public and private standards of conduct. Not the least of the disasters of war is the weakening of such standards which it brings in its train. To repair those ravages we must insist upon the importance of spiritual and moral integrity in our private lives and in all our public affairs, and establish all our dealings on the Christian interpretation of life. The Church has a great opportunity here and I pray that with God's Blessing it will succeed in its task.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

21st June, 1950.

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present The Reverend John Robert Walmsley Stott, M.A., to the Benefice of All Souls, Marylebone, in the County and Diocese of London void by the death of the last Incumbent and in His Majesty's Gift in full right.

#### TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 30th June, 1950, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Act, 1939, to the amount of £240,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000, £10,000, £25,000, £50,000 or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 3rd July, 1950, to Saturday, the 8th July, 1950, inclusive, and will be due 91 days after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. Notification will be sent by post, on the same day as Tenders are received, to the persons whose Tenders are accepted in whole or in part, and payment in full of the amounts due in respect of such accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers.  
23rd June, 1950.