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A Statute made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, in the University of Oxford, on the 25th July, 1958, has been submitted for the approval of Her Majesty in Council, and notice of its having been so submitted is published in accordance with the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923.

Whitehall, August 8, 1958.

The following Address was presented to The QUEEN by the Lambeth Conference of Bishops on the 5th August, 1958:—

May it please Your Majesty,

As Chairman of this, the ninth, Lambeth Conference, I have the honour of presenting to Your Majesty this company of nearly 320 Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Communion. On their behalf I express our deep gratitude to Your Majesty for graciously consenting to receive us, and for doing so in spite of your recent period of indisposition. We are happy to know that Your Majesty is now recovered, and we pray that God will continue to preserve you in good health.

The Bishops here present come from all parts of the world, East and West: and for the first time we have had to limit their numbers for the better despatch of our business. We are diverse in race, colour and nationality. We live under very different political systems, many of them outside the British Commonwealth of which Your Majesty is Head. We represent fifteen separate national Churches, each with its own characteristics, its own powers of self-government, its own metropolitan jurisdiction. Yet in spite of these differences we are all united in one brotherhood, in one loyalty to Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the one Faith of His Holy Catholic Church.

In this Conference the first subject of our study is Holy Scripture. In the great ceremony of Your Majesty's Coronation, the Holy Bible was presented to you as "the most valuable thing that this world affords", with the words:

"Here is Wisdom: This is the royal law:

These are the lively Oracles of God."

By that truth the Church lives. But in the last century many causes have combined to make the Holy Bible less known and less esteemed than formerly. Now throughout Christendom there is in progress a rediscovery of the authority of Holy Scripture and of its message to mankind. Our chief desire in this Conference is to promote that rediscovery throughout the Church, since on it must be based every renewal of Church life and every advance towards Church Unity.

The goal of Church Unity is our second objective. Our progress towards it since the first Conference of 1867 may seem slow and chequered.

But we go forward, and the pace quickens yearly. We are considering important proposals from Ceylon, from North India and Pakistan and elsewhere; we are considering questions discussed between the Episcopal Churches and the Presbyterian Churches of England and Scotland; also between some of us and the Methodist Churches; but all in the setting of the imperious call of the Oecumenical Movement.

In that same setting we are considering how the Anglican Communion itself can more faithfully and effectively discharge its duty of witness to the Kingdom of God, meeting the ever increasing challenges and menaces of the secular world by increased understanding and co-operation throughout all its member Churches and by better use of its resources.

But the word of God and the life of the Church alike speak to and within a divided world. We must therefore consider in the light of the Gospel the causes of the conflicts between and within nations. It is the task of the Church to apply to them a ministry of reconciliation and that Gospel of peace which is the fruit of righteousness.

And since the graces of family life are so gravely threatened all over the world by the pressures of population, by the effects of an industrialized society and even by some of the well-intentioned activities of the Welfare State, we shall pay special attention to the means of securing under modern conditions that wholesome and happy family life without which no people can prosper.

We trust that God will so guide us that even in these five brief weeks we may do something to throw light on the path before us and to give help and encouragement to Anglicans and indeed to all Christian people in the great work to which we are called for the salvation of God's people. In all our work we are greatly encouraged by the knowledge that Your Majesty shares our faith, our trials and our hopes. Many of us can testify from our own experience to the great service to God and to His Church and thereby to the peace of the world which has been rendered by the visits paid in recent years by Your Majesty, Prince Philip, Her Majesty The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family to many parts of the world.

It is with hearts truly grateful for the example which Your Majesty, and the whole Royal Family, give to your own peoples and to all peoples, that we present this Address, praying that God may ever strengthen and uphold you in that high vocation to which, at your Coronation, you were dedicated.

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

My Lord Archbishop,

I thank you and the Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Communion now in Conference assembled for your loyal Address.

It is a great pleasure to me to welcome you all here, and to see again many Bishops whom I have met in their own dioceses during my visits to various parts of the world.