

spared to reign over us and so continue to sustain us all by Your gracious humanity and inspiring example.

Given in the University of Oxford under our Common Seal on 2nd June 1977. (L.S.)

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

It gives me much pleasure to receive from you this Loyal Address from the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford. As Doctors of the University my husband and I fully appreciate the part which it plays in the life of the nation.

I have always been greatly interested by my visits to the University and I am most grateful for your congratulations and good wishes.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May It Please Your Majesty,

We, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, beg leave to offer our loyal congratulations on the completion of the twenty-fifth year of Your Majesty's reign, and to express anew the gratitude and devotion which we owe for the benevolent interest displayed to the University and Colleges through the centuries by Your Royal predecessors, a relationship continued in Your Majesty's own reign and strengthened by new and personal ties.

The years on which we today look back have seen the growth to manhood and to high esteem as Heir Apparent of His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, and our University is proud to have had its share in his education and to number him among its Masters. Your Majesty's Royal Husband, himself one of our Honorary Doctors, has evinced a continued interest in the University, and not least in the application, for the general good, of scientific research; and the University is proud and happy that he has accepted election to the office of Chancellor. It gives us great pleasure that one of the earliest ceremonies in which he appears in person in that office should be the presentation to Your Majesty of this our Address of congratulation.

The past twenty-five years have been a time when the nature and ends of education have been questioned as never before; yet in Cambridge standards of academic excellence have been upheld, and the birth of new Colleges testifies to the continued faith of both public and private benefactors in institutional forms which have survived from a long past and shown themselves adaptable to the present. Beyond the sphere of the University too, our traditional cultural and moral values have been severely challenged. Yet challenge and change can have positive consequences for good and we hope and trust that in matters of the intellect and the spirit, though it be our duty to test all things, we may still hold fast to that which is good. That we may share with all Your Majesty's loyal subjects in such high endeavour, and that You may long reign over us and see a fair harvest from this generation's sowing, is the earnest prayer of all who work in and for our University as a place of education, religion, learning, and research. (L.S.)

20th June 1977.

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

It gives me great pleasure to receive at your hand this message of congratulation from the University of Cambridge, with which our family has been associated over the years.

Whatever the changes in the world about us, the greatest guarantee of this country's future well-being lies in the advancement of knowledge and in the education of our young people. The University of Cambridge has a proud record in these fields, and I am sure that you will continue, during the rest of my reign, to reinforce and build upon the progress that has been made in the past 25 years.

A LOYAL ADDRESS FROM THE FREE CHURCHES including

THE GENERAL BODY OF PROTESTANT DISSENTING MINISTERS OF THE THREE DENOMINATIONS, Presbyterian, Independent and Baptist;

THE BODY OF PROTESTANT DISSENTING MINISTERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN DENOMINATION;

THE DISSENTING DEPUTIES representing the Laymen of the Three Denominations;

THE FREE CHURCH FEDERAL COUNCIL, including representatives of the Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed Church denominations.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful subjects, representing the Free Churches, including the two Bodies of Protestant Dissenters enjoying the ancient and highly valued privilege of personal access to the Sovereign, desire to convey to Your Majesty, upon the occasion of Your Silver Jubilee, the continued assurance of our loyalty to Your Person and Throne.

We express our gratitude for Your constant devotion to duty and Your personal interest in the wellbeing of Your subjects, and for the unselfish manner in which You have involved Yourself in the life of the Churches, the Nation and the Commonwealth.

We rejoice in the affection and esteem which You have evoked from Your people, thus providing a focus of unity at a time of great social change. We recall with deep affection the courage and steadfastness with which You have ruled over Your peoples during the last twenty-five years and the dignity which You have manifested in facing tremendous tasks and crises during these years.

We give thanks for the splendid example You have given in upholding the practice of public worship and maintaining Christian standards in Your personal and public life, and for the emphasis You have placed on the sanctity of home and family life.

We assure Your Majesty of our constant prayers that God may guide You and give You His grace and wisdom in Your continuing responsibilities to Nation and Commonwealth. May God bless You and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and all the members of Your family. May You long reign over Your peoples in righteousness and peace.

For the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations:

Michael D. Whitehorn, Chairman.

Henry A. Jacquet, Secretary.

For the Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Presbyterian Denomination: in and about the Cities of London and Westminster:

Kenneth Twinn, Chairman.

James McClelland, Secretary.

For the Dissenting Deputies of the Three Denominations:

J. G. Le Quesne, Chairman.

C. W. Ikin, Secretary.

For the Free Church Federal Council:

Morgan J. Williams, Moderator.

George A. D. Mann, General Secretary.

Ernest A. Payne, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

B. Arthur Shaw, President of the Methodist Conference.

John E. Young, Moderator of the United Reformed Church.

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

It gives me great pleasure to receive this Address assuring Me of the continued loyalty and devotion of the Members of the Free Churches to the Throne.