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SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL,
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THE following Address of the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly, having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects, met in General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, have received Your Majesty's most gracious Letter with due gratitude and respect.

We receive with gladness the assurance of Your Majesty's affection for the Church of which we are the Ministers and Office-Bearers, and Your conviction of the service which it is rendering to the Scottish people. We earnestly trust that, by the faithful discharge of the duties committed to us, we will prove ourselves worthy of Your continued confidence and support.

We acknowledge with thankfulness Your Majesty's gracious gift of Two thousand pounds, and with pleasure we undertake to carry out the instructions communicated to us in regard to its destination.

We are deeply gratified to receive Your Majesty's Commission to the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven and Melville as Your Representative in this General Assembly. His unflinching courtesy and interest in the work and prosperity of the Church since his first appointment to the office have given us the utmost gratification.

We accord our warm gratitude to God that Your Majesty has been so marvellously sustained as the Sovereign of this realm in the anxieties and trials of the past year. We tender our cordial congratulations to Your Majesty on the recent successes that have attended the forces of the Empire in the War in which they have been engaged in South Africa, and unite in the prayer that the Arms of the Nation may soon be crowned with complete victory, and a just and righteous rule established in the land to which Your Military and Naval Forces have gone forth.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's loyal Subjects and Servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

L. S.

NORMAN MACLEOD, D.D.,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, 29th May 1900.