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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 Most Honourable the Marquess of Linlithgow, K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the King, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

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

We, Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, have received Your Majesty's most gracious Letter with profound gratitude and respect. It will be an encouragement to us to labour for the spiritual welfare of the people committed to our charge, and to keep ever before us the promotion of peace and concord.

We thank Your Majesty for Your gracious assurance of Your Majesty's earnest desire and intention to afford the Church of Scotland Your Majesty's countenance and support in the enjoyment of its just rights and privileges.

Your Majesty's appointment of the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven and Melville as

Lord High Commissioner has been most acceptable to the General Assembly. Lord Leven's personal qualities, and his unfailing courtesy and kindness, have gained for him the esteem and affection of the members of many successive General Assemblies, and it is a gratification to us that Your Majesty has been pleased to confer upon him the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, the highest honour in Scotland.

We acknowledge with great thankfulness Your Majesty's munificent gift of Two Thousand Pounds, which we shall endeavour to administer for the furtherance of the purposes for which it has been bestowed. It will be used for the benefit of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

We earnestly pray that God may bestow for many years His richest blessings upon Your Majesty, our gracious Queen Alexandra, George, Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Members of Your Royal House.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, 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

ANDREW JAMIESON MILNE, LL.D.,
Moderator.

Edinburgh, 27th May 1905.