

endeavour, not only to instruct, reprove, and exhort with all diligence and earnestness in the ordinary exercise of our ministry, but to assist in the diffusion of truth, the advancement of piety, the discouragement of enthusiasm, and the reformation of vice, wherever our influence extends. And whilst, as in duty bound, we stand forward in defence of the faith, and the refutation of erroneous doctrines, we shall strive to regulate our temper and conduct by the laws of Christian charity respecting the motives of honest opponents, replying with meekness and gentleness to adversaries of a different character, and allowing liberty of conscience to all men.

If Sir, there are any among us, who have disgraced their holy profession by scandalous neglect of their duties, or offences against morality, we can truly affirm that their conduct is regarded with grief and abhorrence by the great body of the clergy; and we look forward with satisfaction to the result of the enquiry, now in progress under your Majesty's sanction, into the state of the ecclesiastical law, in the confidence that effectual provision will be made for the speedy correction of such enormities in future.

In conclusion, we venture to assure your Majesty, that as well in our collective capacity, as in our several stations in the church, we shall invariably make it our object, so to perform our duties as to deserve the protection of our Sovereign, and the approbation of all good men. And we trust that, through the blessing of the Almighty on our labours, this kingdom may be for ever preserved from those visitations of God's displeasure, which are, sooner or later, occasioned by the decay of piety and corruption of morals. We may, then, with all humility hope for acceptance, when we offer up our prayers on behalf of your Majesty, that the spirit of wisdom and strength, through whom Kings reign, and Princes decree justice, may direct and prosper your Majesty's counsels, and dispose the hearts of your people to willing obedience, from a sense of religious obligation, veneration for lawful authority, and gratitude for the blessings enjoyed under your Majesty's paternal government.

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

"I cordially thank you for this loyal and dutiful Address.

"The sentiments which it expresses, and the assurance which it conveys, of your affectionate attachment to my Person, and to that of my beloved Consort the Queen, are most acceptable to me, and most gratifying to my feelings.

"You may rely on my constant favour and protection, and on my zealous co-operation in all your efforts to promote the great cause of piety, of morality, and religious truth.

"I consider the Established Church one of the main defences of the civil and religious liberties of my people,—and I am bound by the firmest conviction of their importance, as well as by the most solemn engagements, to support and defend the rights and privileges of the church."

*St. James's-Palace, November 9, 1830.*

THIS day the following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at the Levee, by the several persons whose names are respectively subjoined to each Address, which Addresses His Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, the President, Vice-Presidents, Directors, and Guardians of the Caledonian Asylum, incorporated by Act of Parliament, for supporting and educating the Children of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, Natives of Scotland, who have died or been disabled in the service of their country, and of Indigent Scotch Parents resident in London, not entitled to Parochial Relief, approach the Throne penetrated with the most profound grief for the loss which the country and your Majesty's illustrious Family have sustained by the death of our late most gracious Sovereign. To the memory of a Prince who was endeared to his people, who proved himself the patron of art, the friend of science, and the promoter of literature, we would here offer our grateful tribute of respect. The generous interest which he was pleased to express in our institution, and the munificent patronage with which he honoured it, shall ever live in our remembrance.

But, while we deeply deplore his loss, and most sincerely participate in the sorrow which fills every bosom throughout the United Kingdoms, we are consoled with the cheering conviction, that the sovereignty of these realms has devolved on a Prince caused of humanity, zealous for our country's weal, and impressed with a deep and sacred reverence for the principles of our free and glorious constitution.

While, with sentiments of the warmest affection and loyalty, we congratulate your Majesty on your accession to the Crown of these Kingdoms, we hail the event with gladdening anticipations, in the firm persuasion that the comfort, the prosperity, the rights, and the happiness of every class of your Majesty's subjects will be to your Majesty objects of truly paternal solicitude.

The objects for which the Caledonian Asylum was established, under the auspices of your Royal Predecessors, and the active concurrence and munificent assistance of several of your illustrious Brothers, will, we humbly trust, meet the approbation of your Majesty's benevolent heart; and we indulge a sanguine hope that your Majesty will not consider this institution unworthy of your Royal countenance, and that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to sanction it by permitting your Royal Name to be inserted in the records of the Corporation as Patron of the Caledonian Asylum, an honour which would undoubtedly promote the welfare and advance the prosperity of the charity.

That your Majesty, to whose counsels the Great Arbitrer of the Universe has committed the destinies of this mighty empire, may long sway the sceptre over a free, happy, and united people, is the fervent prayer of your Majesty's most devoted and loyal subjects.

Given under the seal of the Corporation, at London, this 19th day of July 1830.

*Augustus Frederick, President.*

[Transmitted by the Duke of Sussex.]