

the foot of the Throne, and to tender our humble, but dutiful and heartfelt congratulations, on the late happy event of the birth of a Princess, and to express our loyal sympathy on any event which may conduce to increase your Majesty's domestic happiness.

Knowing as we do, that nothing can tend more to give your Majesty happiness, than to see your people enjoying peace, comfort, and constitutional liberty, we venture humbly to intreat your Majesty, to be pleased to direct your immediate advisers, to pay particular attention at the present juncture to the necessities, the wants, and wishes of your most dutiful, long suffering, and much wronged people of Ireland.

Most Gracious Majesty, we humbly and with all due deference, venture to suggest, that the main cause of the misery of Ireland is, that her laws are not made by an Irish Parliament, that instead of a sister nation, she has been legislated for as a mere province, and that the certain and effectual course to restore her prosperity, and to preserve the integrity of the empire, and to attach most devotedly to the government of your Majesty, the hearts and hands of the people of Ireland, is by the restoration to Ireland, of the power to make her own laws, and manage her own resources, by the repeal as speedily as possible of the Act of Legislative Union, and the assembling of your Majesty's Irish Parliament.

Thus, as we humbly conceive, will the prosperity of Ireland be secured, that of your Majesty's other dominions increased, and let what may happen in other countries, the Throne of your Majesty be based on the most secure and steadfast foundation, the love, duty, and allegiance of your Majesty's people.

*William Ford, Town Clerk.*

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

" I thank you sincerely for your address of congratulation, and for the interest you have expressed in my domestic happiness.

" It is my constant aim to promote the peace, comfort, and constitutional liberty of all classes of my people, and my greatest satisfaction is derived from the assurance of their loyal and affectionate attachment.

" I have felt a deep sympathy for the sufferings of many of my subjects in Ireland.

" I have given my cordial sanction to the various Acts passed by the Legislature, for the mitigation of those sufferings; and I trust, that by means of those Acts, aided by private charity and local efforts, the pressure of severe distress has been materially relieved.

" I am fully persuaded, that measures, calculated to advance the interests, and promote the welfare of that portion of my United Kingdom, will continue to receive from the Imperial Parliament the most careful and attentive consideration."

*Buckingham Palace, June 17, 1848.*

This day the Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by the Bishops and Clergy of the province, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which was received by Her Majesty on the Throne :

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Madam,*

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the province of Canterbury, in Convocation assembled, most humbly approach your Majesty, with sincere and hearty assurances of our loyal and affectionate attachment to your Majesty's Throne and Person.

When last we had the honour of addressing your Majesty, in this our collective capacity, your Majesty was graciously pleased to accept our congratulations on your Majesty's happy alliance with a Prince, distinguished no less by his personal qualities, than by his illustrious lineage, and on the birth of an heir to the throne. We have now the satisfaction of beholding your Majesty and your Royal Consort surrounded by a family, who, we trust, will repay the pious care of their parents, by shewing the blessed effects of early instruction on their disposition and conduct as they advance in years.

We have again to offer our grateful acknowledgments of your Majesty's continued adherence to those constitutional principles, that moderation in the exercise of power, and that care for the general weal which have always distinguished the Sovereigns of your Majesty's illustrious House.

We desire especially to express our thankfulness for the preservation of the two ancient and venerable sees of St. Asaph and Bangor in their distinctness and integrity, as well as for the appointment of a new Bishop at Manchester, to superintend the spiritual welfare of the vast masses of manufacturers that have recently been accumulated in those parts of this kingdom. And we hope and trust that this may be the prelude to a further increase of the Episcopal Body, so that the number of the chief pastors in our Church may be brought more nearly into proportion to the vast increase in the number of souls committed to their charge.

We may also be permitted to advert to the blessing conferred on the civilized world by your Majesty, acting in concert with the Sovereigns of Europe, in that systematic attention to the general maintenance of peace, which has not only averted the horrors of war from these Christian countries, but has led to friendly relations with Powers once hostile to the Christian name, has taught them the lessons of justice and mercy to their own subjects, and the advantage of social intercourse with other nations.

Looking to the state of things in our own country, while we acknowledge with thankfulness that there are not wanting in some quarters indications of a tendency to improvement, we cannot be insensible to the prevalence of a widely dif-