

Whitehall, June 7, 1855.

THE following Addresses of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, have been by him presented to the Queen; which Addresses Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, now convened as the Representatives of the several Presbyteries, Royal Burghs, and Universities in Scotland, have received with profound respect and gratitude your Majesty's gracious letter addressed to this General Assembly.

In the renewed assurance of your Majesty's affectionate and undiminished regard for this National Church, and in the expressed resolution to maintain this Ecclesiastical Establishment in the possession of its ancient rights and privileges, we recognise a solemn pledge on which we rely with that entire confidence which is due from subjects to a Sovereign whose determination it is to make the long established Laws and Constitution of the State the unvarying and inviolable rule of her Government.

We are also cheered and encouraged, in the labours of our several vocations, by the satisfaction which your Majesty has been pleased to express with the frequent proofs given by former Assemblies of anxiety to promote the interests of true religion and piety; and we earnestly pray that our deliberations may, through the aid of Divine Grace, contribute effectually to the present happiness and the everlasting welfare of the people committed to our charge.

We are seriously impressed by the momentous considerations to which your Majesty has called our attention, as incitements to the zealous performance of our sacred functions at a time when the Sovereign and the subjects have equal cause to implore the protection and counsel of the Almighty God in the war which the general voice of the nation has pronounced to be just and necessary. Participating fully in the sympathy which your Majesty feels with the suffering inevitably resulting from war, we at the same time cherish the most earnest desire that the sacrifices so cheerfully made by the people may be the means, under the guidance of Providence, for obtaining an honourable and lasting peace.

Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for two thousand pounds to be applied to the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland has been most gratefully received; and it shall be our earnest study so to distribute this substantial boon as to effect the pious and benevolent purposes for the accomplishment of which it has been so liberally bestowed.

The reappointment of the Right Honourable Lord Belhaven as your Majesty's representative in this General Assembly, is regarded by us as a special proof of your royal favour, as we have hitherto found that distinguished nobleman to be a firm and ardent friend of this National Church, and in all respects highly entitled to our respect and confidence.

That the Lord God Almighty, the Father of

our Lord Jesus Christ, may, in the good pleasure of His unspeakable goodness, multiply to our beloved Queen the choicest blessings of the present life, with the higher glories and felicities of the life everlasting,—that the same rich and unfading benefactions may be abundantly vouchsafed to the Prince Albert, to the Prince of Wales, and to all the Royal Family,—that the vast population of the British Empire, now living under the mild and beneficent rule of a Sovereign so justly endeared to every loyal and patriotic heart, may, through the ages to come, enjoy the same inestimable privileges; and that the time may soon arrive when the people of every land, rejoicing in the light of the Gospel, shall universally be actuated by the pure, holy, and beneficent principles of Christian truth which alone can purify their souls from the influence of every hostile and hateful passion, and make them meet for the enjoyment of the incorruptible inheritance of heavenly places in Christ, is the earnest prayer of, may it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most faithful, dutiful, and loyal subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

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

Andrew Bell, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 26, 1855.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, embrace the opportunity, afforded by our meeting, to approach the Throne with the humble expression of our warm attachment to your Majesty's person, and family, and Government.

We beg to convey to your Majesty the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy in the present trying and anxious state of the Nation over which your Majesty rules, as still engaged in a protracted war with an enemy of great power and resources, as well as unbounded ambition.

While, as subjects of the Prince of Peace, we regard war as a great evil, and devoutly recognize in it the chastisement of a Holy and Righteous God, yet we know that he can overrule it for good; and we are fully persuaded that the present contest has been engaged in by your Majesty for just ends, such as we trust the just King and Judge of all may approve.

We deplore the many painful events that have occurred during its continuance, and the sacrifice that has been incurred of many lives, valuable to your Majesty and the Nation. While we recognize the hand of God in those events, and would strenuously inculcate on the flocks committed to our care, resignation to the Divine Will under such inflictions, together with the exercise of repentance and amendment of heart and life, we would venture to express to your Majesty our congratulations on the patient endurance and dauntless bravery which have been displayed by your Majesty's Forces by sea and land, and the hope which we are encouraged to entertain that their efforts may ere long be crowned with triumphant success; and it is our earnest prayer, which we will not fail, along with our people, to prefer at the Throne of the Heavenly Grace, that, through your Majesty's wise administration, and the blessing of God on the councils and arms of your