

of this great empire, we gladly embrace this opportunity of transmitting our fervent congratulations to your Majesty, and to His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, on the late auspicious occasion of the Marriage of the eldest born of the Royal Family, the Princess Royal, to a Prince whose high character and distinguished endowments have secured for him the enthusiastic admiration and affection of the inhabitants of this United Kingdom, as well as of his native land. We cordially participate in the delight which this conjugal union must have yielded to the parental hearts of your Majesty and the Prince Consort, and we cannot for a moment doubt that in this loyal feeling the hearts of our fellow-subjects universally sympathise.

We earnestly trust that the prospects of domestic felicity, arising from this matrimonial union will be amply realised, and that, along with the fulfilment of a hope so pleasing, other beneficial results may be anticipated, having a direct tendency to work out and to perpetuate many great social advantages. The example of an amiable Princess, trained up in the fear of the Lord, adorned by the meekness of wisdom, and familiar with the gentle offices of humanity, and all the choice graces of the female character residing in the heart purified by faith, can scarcely fail ultimately to diffuse a salutary influence, especially when encouraged and aided by the co-operation of a kindred spirit, equally intent on forwarding every undertaking calculated to promote the improvement and happiness of the great family of mankind, along with the more limited interests of country and home which every patriotic heart refuses to let go. It is our earnest prayer and hope that, through the mercy of the Most High, the Prince and Princess of Prussia may live long in peace and unity, as heirs together of the grace of life, and that, in their days, the Lord God may cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations; so that they may not only witness, but efficiently advance, the growth of civilization and sound policy of legislative wisdom, social order, enlightened education, and religious liberty, with all the hallowed influences which nourish the growth of genuine piety, and insure the removal of long-cherished prejudices, and the disarming of inveterate jealousies, thus persevering in the hallowed endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, with such abundant success as to heal the wounds and abolish the enmities of alienated kingdoms, until, in the fulness of the time of the triumphant reign of the Messiah, wars shall cease, and there shall be nothing to hurt or to destroy, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Given at Edinburgh, this 24th day of May, 1858.

In name of the Assembly,
M. Leishman, Moderator.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland in general assembly convened, approach your Throne with the expression of our heartfelt attachment to your Majesty's person and Government, and our warm and joyful congratulations on the return of this anniversary of your Majesty's birth.

Whilst deploring the confusion, crimes, and cruelties which have taken place in India, and

which have involved so many of your Majesty's subjects in sufferings and sorrow, we are grateful to your Majesty for inviting your people to humble themselves in relation to these calamities and their procuring causes, before the Most High who has all events in His hands. We have cordially responded to your Majesty's call, and with our people have besought the Lord to turn away His judgment and in the midst of deserved wrath remember mercy. We rejoice in the prospect of peace and order being established in India, and we earnestly pray that God may be graciously pleased to overrule all events that take place there for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and the promotion of the substantial happiness of the millions of that great country.

We rejoice in your Majesty's family happiness, and contemplate with admiration and thankfulness the illustrious example which your Majesty sets in the highest place of the land of those precious domestic virtues on which the welfare of states has its only sure foundation.

We tender our heartfelt congratulations to your Majesty on the marriage of your Majesty's eldest daughter the Princess Royal. The alliance of your Majesty's beloved child with a young Prince of illustrious descent of high character, and the heir presumptive to the Throne of a powerful Protestant country, sets before your daughter the prospect of a splendid, happy, and useful life, and promises to strengthen the interests of Protestantism which we believe to be the interests of truth.

That your Majesty may long receive from God's gracious hand the choicest earthly blessings, be spared for many years to adorn the Throne, and to promote the welfare of your Majesty's wide dominions; be richly endued with the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and enjoy that peace of God which passeth all understanding is the constant earnest prayer of

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland.

Signed in name and by appointment of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, at Edinburgh, the 27th day of May, 1858 years, by

Alex. Beith, D.D., Moderator.

Whitehall, June 4, 1858.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted by William David, Earl of Mansfield, K.T., Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Spencer Horatio Walpole, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen; which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

The gracious letter with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, has been received by us with profound respect.

We can never cease to remember the gratifying terms in which your Majesty has annually assured our predecessors and ourselves, of the constant and undiminished interest hitherto taken by our beloved Sovereign in our National Church, and it cannot fail to be encouraging to us to be reassured of the continuance of the cordial good will and friendly spirit still animating your Majesty