

instruct and train their children, who would, almost inevitably, be absorbed in the masses of the followers of Rome, by whom they are surrounded. And, thus, over a wide extent of country, little by little, the light of the Reformation would be extinguished.

In this Address to your Majesty, we have confined ourselves to the evils to be apprehended by our own branch of the Church. But forming as we do an integral part of the United Church of England and Ireland, and being connected with our English brethren by common interests as well as by a common faith, we beg most respectfully to point out to your Majesty that the assault on our Establishment is avowedly, on the part of its most strenuous conductors, only the opening of a general attack on the Establishments in England and Scotland: and that, if successful against us, it will prove almost irresistible in the other cases. We would add, moreover, that we ourselves are satisfied that the parties now agitating for the overthrow of our branch of the United Church will never rest content until every vestige of a religious, or at least a Protestant, character is effaced from all the institutions of the State.

This much we have counted it our duty to the Church over which, in the providence of God, we, however unworthy, have been made overseers, to state to your Majesty. And we have spoken it the more confidently being fully assured of your Majesty's deep attachment to those principles which, in a happy hour, placed your Royal House on the throne of these realms; and not less assured that such testimonies of this attachment as may be in your Majesty's power to afford will never be wanting.

That in all the affairs of the Church and Kingdom committed by Almighty God to your Majesty's charge, your Majesty may be guided by the wisdom that is from above; and that all spiritual and temporal blessings may richly abound to your Majesty and your Royal House, we, your Majesty's most faithful and devoted servants, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

M. G., Armagh.
Richard C., Dublin.
Samuel, Meath.
J. T., Ossory and Ferns.
Robert, Cushel, &c.
Robert, Down, Connor, and Dromore.
William, Killaloe.
John, Cork, &c.
Hamilton, Kilmore.
Charles, Limerick, &c.
Charles B., Tuam, &c.
William, Derry, &c.

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

"I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address. I trust that the blessings which you invoke for myself and my family may be vouchsafed, to the advantage of the Church and Kingdom. In compliance with the prayer of an Address from the House of Lords, I have issued a Commission to inquire into the state of the Church in Ireland; and I will not doubt that my Parliament, when fully informed through the labours of this Commission, will adopt such measures as shall be at once just and conducive to the maintenance of true religion among my people."

Windsor Castle, May 14, 1868.

THIS day a Députation from the Corporation of the city of Dublin, headed by the Lord Mayor, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:

Address to the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dublin.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, the Corporation of your ancient and loyal city of Dublin, respectfully approach your Throne, and tender our renewed assurance of our devoted attachment to your Royal House and person.

We have learned with sorrow and indignation of the cowardly attempt to assassinate His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, when engaged on a mission of peace and goodwill to a distant part of your Majesty's dominions.

We feel deeply grateful that it has pleased an over-ruling Providence to protect His Royal Highness's life, and spare your Majesty, your Royal Family, and the Empire, the affliction which would have attended the accomplishment of so wicked a deed.

We humbly offer to your Majesty our sympathy on your recent sorrow, and our congratulations on the preservation of His Royal Highness, and venture to express our hope that your Majesty may shortly welcome him restored to health and strength on his return to his native land.

W. J. Henry, Town Clerk.

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

"The loyalty and devotion to my Family and Person expressed by you on the late attempt to assassinate my dear Son, the Duke of Edinburgh, is very gratifying to my feelings.

"I thank you for your sympathy in the anxiety naturally felt by me on such intelligence; and I trust that your wishes for the Duke of Edinburgh's return home in health and strength may soon be fulfilled."

Whitehall, May 18, 1868.

THE following Addresses of congratulation to the Queen, in reference to the atrocious attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Gathorne Hardy, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, desire to approach the foot of the throne, in order to offer the assurance of our continued attachment to your Majesty's person and Government.

The attempt recently made against the life of your Majesty's second Son, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, by the agent of a