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THIS day the Archbishop of Canterbury, accompanied by the Bishops of London, Gloucester and Bristol, Winchester, and Rochester, and the Prolocutor and certain of the Clergy of the Province, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Madam,

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, approach your Majesty with the assurance of our loyal and affectionate attachment to your Majesty's Throne and person.

We rejoice that it has pleased God to continue to your Majesty during the years which have passed since the opening of the last Convocation that measure of domestic happiness which has hitherto comforted your Majesty under the trials of widowhood; calling to mind the anxiety which stirred the heart of the whole Nation two years ago from the danger then threatening the life of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, we record our thankfulness that God at that time was graciously pleased to hear the prayers of a united people, and to avert the calamity which for weeks hung over this country, and that He has since blessed your Majesty in the health and increasing prosperity of the members of the Royal House.

In particular, we would offer our humble congratulations on the marriage recently contracted between His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh and the only daughter of the Emperor of Russia. We pray that all blessings from above may attend this auspicious union, and that, while it is a source of happiness to your Majesty, it may also tend to strengthen the bonds of amity uniting two great Christian nations, the Churches of which, equally protesting against the usurpations of Rome, have hitherto been kept too widely apart.

We rejoice with your Majesty that the war on the coast of Africa, which, short as it was, brought mourning to many families amongst us, has been happily terminated, and that the vast dominions which own your Majesty's sway are now enjoying perfect peace.

And while we look with great anxiety to the famine now afflicting a large portion of your Majesty's dominions in India, we feel confidence in the prompt Christian sagacity with which our

rulers seem determined to meet this great calamity and we trust in God's goodness that this cloud may pass without bringing irremediable evils on our Indian fellow subjects.

Your Majesty's dominions extend over the globe, and the Church of England has endeavoured in every quarter of this vast Empire to spread the truth of Christ and to mitigate the sufferings of humanity; but the sad death of an eminent missionary bishop of our Church reminds us of the atrocities which may be committed even where the name of Christ is not unknown, and where the flag of Britain commands the seas. We rejoice that your Majesty's attention has been directed to those miseries of the Slave Trade which still desolate so many lands, and we feel sure that vigorous efforts will not be wanting to restrain such horrors as those which caused the murder of Bishop Patteson.

But the chief field of our Church's operations is among our own people at home, and we are thankful to believe that amidst some unhappy differences of opinion, which impede their usefulness, our clergy of this generation are united in more earnest efforts than seem ever before to have been made to reclaim the vicious and instruct the ignorant. In these efforts they are upheld and supported by the sympathy and co-operation of a faithful laity. We cannot indeed but deplore that so much sin leading to misery should still be found in all ranks, and especially we are pained that, amongst those to whom we look as the very strength of our population, so many families should be ruined by the degradation of a wide spread intemperance. The returns made to the late Convocation on this subject have shown how terrible is the evil and how great the efforts required to meet it. To resist this particular form of wickedness, the Church of England has lately made special efforts, in which we are glad to know that we have received your Majesty's countenance; indeed we should be ungrateful if we did not acknowledge how, in all efforts to spread that morality, of which the Christian faith is the best guardian, we have ever found your Majesty our willing patron.

We desire to take this opportunity of thanking your Majesty for the Royal letters of business issued to the last Convocation. Under your Royal authority the Convocation was empowered to propose certain alterations in the Act of Uniformity, and we are thankful to believe that the legislation which followed on the recommendations thus made, has been the means of better adapting