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*Office of the Secretary for Scotland,  
Whitehall, June 1, 1894.*

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by His Grace the Lord High Commissioner to the Right Honourable Sir George Otto Trevelyan, Bart., Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, has been by him laid before the Queen, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met together in General Assembly, beg, with all respect and submission, to acknowledge Your Majesty's most gracious letter.

We welcome the assurance which it contains of Your Majesty's attachment to the Church of Scotland, an attachment which has been made evident, not only in Your constitutional action as the Sovereign of the United Kingdom, but in Your association with Your people in the worship and sacraments of the Church according to the forms established in Scotland. We highly appreciate the confidence which Your Majesty has expressed in the wisdom of the proceedings of the General Assembly, and it is and will be our endeavour to justify this confidence by faithfully discharging the duties and responsibilities of the Supreme Court and Council of the National Church. And in doing so we are encouraged and strengthened by our knowledge of Your Majesty's sympathy with all work which tends to promote religious and social well-being.

We gratefully accept the gift of two thousand pounds for the furtherance of the interests of the Highlands and Islands of our Country, and, to the best of our judgment, we shall endeavour to give effect to Your Majesty's wishes in the administration of Your Royal Bounty.

The loyalty of the Church of Scotland to Your Majesty's Person and Throne has been frequently proved, and we dutifully assure Your Majesty that this loyalty was never more hearty and earnest than it is at present. It will be our aim to respond to Your Majesty's affectionate solicitude for the welfare of Your people by devotion to the great objects for which the Christian Church exists, and which have been promoted for now many centuries by the Union of the Church and the State in the northern part of Your Majesty's Kingdom.

The representation of Your Royal Person by

the Marquis of Breadalbane, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, is most grateful to us. An ancient Scottish lineage, an unfailling and most attractive courtesy, a hospitality ever open and generous, an intimate acquaintance with Scottish affairs, are qualities in the Nobleman of whom Your Majesty has made choice, which make his appointment especially welcome to the Church of Scotland.

It is our fervent prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may ever rest on Your Majesty and on Your Royal House.

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's loyal subjects and servants, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly.

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



*R. Herbert Story, D.D.,  
Moderator.*

Edinburgh, 29th May, 1894.

*War Office, June 5, 1894.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned Officers of the Volunteer Force, who have been duly recommended for the same under the terms of the Royal Warrant, dated 25th July, 1892:—

**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.**

**ARTILLERY.**

*5th Lancashire.*

Quartermaster and Honorary Captain Edward Davies Hindle.

**ENGINEER.**

*Fortress and Railway Forces.*

**ROYAL ENGINEERS.**

*1st Cheshire.*

Lieutenant-Colonel William Crossman Spencer.

**RIFLE.**

*3rd Volunteer Battalion, The South Staffordshire Regiment.*

*Acting Chaplain the Reverend Albert J. Van Straubenzee, retired.*

*1st Volunteer Battalion, The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.*

Captain and Honorary Major James Carter.