

may support and strengthen Your Majesty, and may prosper every effort for the termination of the cruel sufferings of our fellow Christians in Armenia, and for a manifestation of justice and mercy to an ancient and oppressed nation that for centuries has sought for it in vain.

Meanwhile we forget not those needs of our own Church and country which we well know ever hold a place in the gracious solicitude of Your Majesty for the welfare of all Your Majesty's subjects and particularly for the welfare of the Church of England, in regard of which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to assure us of Your Majesty's continued sympathy and interest.

Especially we approach Your Majesty with the earnest desire that definite religious education may be maintained in the fullest efficiency, and that our Church schools, which for generations have nurtured the children of this land committed to their charge in the discipline and admonition of the Lord, may receive such help from the State that they have so largely benefited, as increasing numbers and enhanced requirements make it equitably necessary that they should receive.

Not less earnest is our hope that Your Majesty may favourably regard our efforts for increasing the pastoral efficiency of our Church, by carefully considered changes in the exercise of the solemn trust of the patronage of benefices. It is our especial desire that the rights of parishioners, as members of the National Church and partakers in its ministrations and worship, should always in the case of patent or demonstrable unfitness for the cure and government of souls be fully recognized and provided for in the laws relating to the appointment of ministers and pastors in the Church of this land.

We are further impressed with the conviction that the time has fully come when the great cause of Temperance may be further advanced by wise and equitable legislation. But this legislation, owing to the varied nature of current proposals, we feel persuaded would be greatly furthered by the guiding influence of a Royal Commission or of a Parliamentary Committee. We, therefore, humbly approach Your Majesty with the prayer that such steps may be taken as will materially advance and sustain a cause which, in the case of the Church of England Temperance Society, enjoys Your Majesty's gracious patronage.

We pray that the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost may rest upon Your Majesty and upon every member of the Royal House.

Dated 14th February, 1895.

*Edw. Cantuar*, President.

Her Majesty read the following gracious Reply:—

"I RECEIVE with great satisfaction your loyal and dutiful Address, and I thank you heartily for your renewed expressions of devoted attachment to My Throne and Person, as well as for your condolence and sympathy in the Great Sorrow resting on Me and My dear Daughter, Princess Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and My Family, through the lamented Death, during Service to our Country, of My Beloved Son-in-Law, Prince Henry of Battenberg.

"I have much satisfaction in knowing that all the weighty matters to which you refer are receiving the anxious consideration of My Government."

AT the Court at Windsor, the 13th day of May, 1896.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of "The Ecclesiastical Commission Act 1868" duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the sixteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of 'The Ecclesiastical Commission Act 1868' section three, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for effecting an exchange of part of the property of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Canterbury for certain property belonging to us.

"Whereas the lands tithes and hereditaments particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed and marked A are a part of the property of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury and the said Dean and Chapter have agreed that the said lands tithes and hereditaments shall be transferred to us in consideration of the transfer to them of certain tithe rent charges now belonging to us being the tithe rent charges particularly described and set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed and marked B.

"And whereas the terms of such transfer are in our opinion fair and reasonable.

"Now therefore we humbly recommend and propose with the consent of the said Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Canterbury and with the consent of the Right Honourable and most Reverend Edward White Archbishop of Canterbury as Visitor of the said Dean and Chapter certified by their having hereunto affixed their respective corporate seals that upon and from the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this scheme and without any further conveyance or act in the law the lands tithes and hereditaments described in the schedule hereunto annexed marked A with their appurtenances together with the benefit of the perpetual land tax, if any, charged thereon which has been redeemed shall subject always to the liabilities and charges to which the said lands, tithes and hereditaments are now specifically liable, be transferred to us in the manner contemplated by the same Act and that we shall be entitled to the rents profits and proceeds thereof as from the eleventh day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five and that in consideration for such transfer to us as aforesaid the tithe rent charges particularly described in the schedule hereunto annexed and marked B with their appurtenances together with the benefit of the perpetual land tax, if any, charged thereon which has been redeemed shall subject always to the liabilities and charges to which the said tithe rent charges are now specifically liable be transferred to the said Dean and Chapter in the manner contemplated by the said Act and that the said Dean and Chapter shall become entitled to the rents profits and proceeds thereof as from the said eleventh day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

"And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid in conformity with the provisions of the said recited Act or of any other Act of Parliament.