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The following Addresses were presented to The King, at Buckingham Palace, on Monday last:—

Address adopted by the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, on the 21st February, 1906.

We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, approach Your Majesty with the dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's throne and person.

Our first desire is to express to Your Majesty and to our Gracious Queen Alexandra our true sympathy in the sorrow which has come on the Royal House by the death of the revered King of Denmark. Her Majesty has so entered into the troubles of all classes in this Realm that the hearts of all are touched with some share in the grief of Her bereavement.

In the forefront of the thoughts which rise in our minds as we look back over the five years which have gone by since we last addressed Your Majesty, is the unfading memory of the intense anxiety with which the people of these Islands and of the British Dominions beyond the seas waited and prayed during the time of that perilous illness which delayed the high and solemn ceremony of Your Majesty's Coronation. The thankfulness with which we hailed the blessing of Your Majesty's recovery is still fresh in our hearts, and we pray that Almighty God may guard the health which then He mercifully restored.

We have a further cause of thankfulness in the peace and concord which through the opening years of Your Majesty's reign have prevailed between this Empire and the Great Powers of Europe. And we rejoice to think that not Your subjects only, but also the thoughtful minds of

other nations recognize how largely this happiness is due to Your Majesty's constant zeal for peace, and to that personal influence which has drawn to Your Majesty the trust and admiration of all who watch the course of international relations.

It was granted to Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales to strengthen, by Their visit to the Colonies, and by Their happy response to the welcome which there greeted Them, the bonds of loyalty and affection which attached the Colonies to the Mother Country and to Your Majesty's Throne. We hope and believe that a like blessing will attend the visit which India is now greeting with characteristic splendour, and that the people of that vast land may steadily advance in all true welfare, in concord one with another, and in united loyalty to Your Majesty.

We rejoice to think that not in India alone, but throughout the world, the missions of the Church are labouring to carry far and wide the Faith of Christ which has ever proved itself the strongest force for raising and purifying human life, and the surest bond of peace and goodwill amongst mankind.

It is our especial privilege to address Your Majesty concerning the work of the National Church, and in this regard we desire first to speak of a body which, since Your Majesty's accession, has been gradually constituted, in pursuance of resolutions passed by both the Houses of Convocation and the Houses of Laymen in the two Provinces of Canterbury and York. This body, bearing the name of the Representative Church Council, consists of all the Houses which we have mentioned: and thus the Bishops, the Clergy, and the Laity of both Provinces are brought together for debate and counsel. We hope that thereby, through the grace and blessing of Almighty God, the manifold work to which the Church is called may be the more wisely and fruitfully maintained, and that the judgment of Churchmen concerning the affairs of the Church may be formed and uttered with such clearness