

Canterbury in Convocation; and on behalf of Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra for your expressions of sympathy and sorrow. The tributes of respect and honour which you pay to King Edward's memory are precious to those who have most deeply suffered by His loss.

It is My desire to follow in My Father's steps, and, so far as may be in My power, to promote the peace and unity of nations, to second all efforts for the alleviation of sickness and suffering, and to support every wise and well-considered scheme for the public good. I am encouraged in all this by your good wishes and your prayers for God's blessing upon My endeavour. I am fortified by the belief that the ends which we pursue are in harmony with the teachings of the Church, and that they will be achieved only while we seek in faith and humility that perfect standard of conduct and sacrifice which has been revealed to Christian men.

#### CONVOCAATION OF YORK.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Convocation of the Province of York.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

We, the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Convocation of the Northern Province, acting according to ancient privilege, approach Your Majesty with deep emotion, desiring to express our respectful sympathy with Your Majesty in the heavy bereavement which has befallen You in the death of Your loved and honoured Father, King Edward VII. We, loyal in heart to the Throne, share the unfeigned grief which is felt in all parts of the Empire. We recognise that what is a personal and unique sorrow to Your Majesty is to Your subjects everywhere a national and imperial loss.

We recall with gratitude the signal services which Your Majesty's revered Father, our late King, rendered to the United Kingdom and the Empire by His calm judgment, by His loyal self-repression, and by the happy art with which He helped to build up those conditions of international comity which made for the peace of the world. We remember with pleasure the words He spoke to the members of our Convocation when He said, "It is My desire that the power of the Church to aid My people may be strengthened as the years unfold." We cherish now those words with mingled feelings as the last official utterance of His late Majesty. His unwearied labours to raise the lot and to relieve the sufferings of His people, His fortitude in sickness, and His self-forgetful devotion to kingly duty, have rendered Him, who was beloved in life, doubly dear in death.

We ask Your Majesty to convey to Your Royal Mother, the Queen Alexandra, the assurance that in Her deep sorrow She has a place not only in our sympathy but in our prayers.

We desire to tender to Your Majesty on Your accession to the Throne this declaration of our unswerving loyalty and sincere attachment. We recognize the heavy responsibilities and special difficulties which have devolved upon Your Majesty; but we rejoice to think that the high traditions of faith and duty which have been consecrated in the glorious examples of Your Royal predecessors are dear to the heart of Your Majesty and not less to the heart of the gracious Lady whom we welcome as our Queen.

We know Your Majesty's wide and unrivalled acquaintance with every part of the Empire: we remember Your Majesty's familiarity with the wise and invigorating discipline prevailing in that branch of national service to which You were attached, and in which we recall with pleasure Your Majesty's unflinching devotion to duty in spite of the temptations of pleasure or the menace of danger. We call to mind the happy and sympathetic interest which Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort, Queen Mary, have shown in the welfare and joys of children, and the practical example of loving home life which Your Majesties have maintained. Encouraged by these remembrances we are persuaded that, by God's blessing, difficulties will be happily surmounted, and national welfare assured under Your Majesty's rule.

We are deeply convinced that the stability and prosperity of nations can only be secured by sedulous obedience to sound moral and religious principles, which have, as a friend and counsellor of Your Royal House declared, "an inherent power to sustain themselves and produce practical good." We recognise that as representatives and guardians of the religious life of the people we are called to teach and maintain these principles, and we desire at the commencement of Your Majesty's reign to pledge ourselves once more to set forward righteousness, peace and love among all committed to our care.

The reign of the venerated and illustrious Queen Victoria was marked by the vigorous expansion of Her dominions. Under Her rule the United Kingdom became the British Empire. The reign of Your beloved Father, King Edward VII, was marked by its peaceful consolidation. We pray that under Your Majesty's rule the old and living qualities of righteousness, faith in God, and patriotic self-sacrifice, may so prevail among us that the Empire may grow in peaceful and powerful influence to the benefit of other nations, the welfare of the world, and the glory of Almighty God.

Dated at York this 26th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Signed on behalf of the Convocation of the Province of York.

Cosmo Ebor, President.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

I thank your Grace most heartily for the loyal and dutiful Address of the Convocation of the Northern Province. I am grateful to you in My sorrow for the expression of your profound sympathy and for the honour and affection with which you regard the memory of My beloved Father.

The message of good-will and good cheer which King Edward spoke to you but a few months ago was the last public utterance of His life. I adopt His words on that occasion as My own; and you may count on My aid and fervent sympathy in all your beneficent labours.

The foundations of national glory are set in the homes of the people. They will only remain unshaken while the family life of our race and nation is strong and simple and pure.

Amid the multiplying complexities of modern social conditions, in the hurry of the age, and with the ever-growing needs of millions for moral guidance and spiritual consolation, the