

through three centuries, should be observed as a national thanksgiving, especially as it happily coincides with the year of Your Majesty's Coronation. We praise God, not only for the benefits of the Bible to past generations, but also because its truths, as long as they are made the standard of life, will preserve the glory of our Empire through generations to come.

We pray that from these same Holy Scriptures Your Majesty may derive comfort and counsel in the perplexing problems that devolve upon one placed in the providence of God in so exalted a position. We pray also that Your Majesty's subjects may continue to read this Book until its spirit and teaching are vitalized in personal character and in domestic relationships, and so enter into every sphere of corporate life—business and professional, social and political, national and Imperial.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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

It has given Me sincere pleasure to receive this deputation, and to learn that it represents the joint celebration by the English-speaking peoples of the issue in 1611 of that world-famous translation of the Bible into our tongue, which has ever since been known as the Authorised Version.

The happily chosen words of the Address which Your Grace has read bring home to Us all the profound importance of that event. The labours of the translators, and of my ancestor King James the First, who directed and watched over their undertaking, deserve to be held in lasting honour. This glorious and memorable achievement, coming like a broad light in darkness, gave freely to the whole English people the right and the power to search for themselves for the truths and consolations of our faith: and during 300 years, the multiplying millions of the English-speaking races, spreading ever more widely over the surface of the globe, have turned in their need to the grand simplicity of the Authorised Version, and have drawn upon its inexhaustible springs of wisdom, courage, and joy.

It is My confident hope—confirmed by the widespread interest your movement has aroused—that My subjects may never cease to cherish their noble inheritance in the English Bible, which in a secular aspect is the first of national treasures, and is, as you truly say, in its spiritual significance “the most valuable thing that this world affords.”

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 22nd day of *March*, 1911.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein

mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, duly prepared and laid before His Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the sixteenth day of February, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her said late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her said late Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for effecting a transfer of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the church and cure (hereinafter called ‘the said benefice’) of Maltby, in the county of York, and in the diocese of York.

“Whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Maltby is vested for an estate in fee simple in possession in the Right Honourable Aldred Frederick George Beresford, Earl of Scarbrough (hereinafter called ‘the said Lord Scarbrough’).

“And whereas the said Lord Scarbrough is desirous that the whole advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Maltby now vested in him as aforesaid should be transferred to and be vested in the Right Honourable and Most Reverend Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of York, and his successors, Archbishops of York.

“And whereas the said Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of York, is willing to accept such transfer, and in token of such his willingness and also in token that the same transfer has that consent of the Bishop of the diocese which by the Acts in the hereinbefore mentioned Act recited or by some or one of them is made necessary he, the said Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of York, has executed this scheme as hereinafter mentioned.

“And whereas the transfer of the patronage of the said benefice of Maltby which is hereinbefore mentioned and hereinafter recommended and proposed will render the same benefice more eligible for augmentation out of funds under our control, and this circumstance will in our opinion tend to make better provision for the cure of souls in the parish or district in or in respect of which the right of patronage or advowson so recommended and proposed to be transferred as aforesaid arises or exists, that is to say, in the parish of Maltby.

“Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Lord Scarbrough (in testimony whereof he has signed and sealed this scheme) and with the consent of the said Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of York (in testimony whereof he has signed this scheme and sealed the same with his archiepiscopal seal) we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly recom-