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TUESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1919.

Whitehall, March 10, 1919.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 7th instant:—

CONVOCAATION OF CANTERBURY.

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

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 Throne and Person.

Eight years, years among the most anxious and critical in our national history, have passed since we last had the privilege of presenting an Address to your Majesty, at the opening of a new Convocation. Political and industrial problems of the gravest kind confronted your Majesty and the British Parliament at that time. It is not possible to say in what way these problems would have been solved or in what shape new problems would have appeared. For they disappeared or altogether changed their form in face of a peril which threatened the freedom and happiness, not only of these islands and your Majesty's Dominions beyond the seas, but of the whole civilised world.

It is perhaps not out of place to recall the words of our Address to His Majesty King

Edward VII. when we were allowed audience in 1910, on an occasion similar to the present. We then said:—

“ As ministers of the Prince of Peace we watch with thankful admiration the care with which your Majesty labours to promote alike the accord of all parts of your dominion and the peace of the world; and we rejoice to think that far and wide your Majesty is acknowledged as foremost in the great work of averting the wasteful misery of war.”

These efforts, however, and the not less earnest and persistent efforts of your Majesty proved vain, and for four years we with our Allies have been engaged in the most terrible war that has ever been known to mankind.

As we look back upon these tragic years, we desire to assure your Majesty of the admiration with which we have watched your Majesty bear the heavy burden of care and responsibility which has inevitably fallen upon your shoulders. We share the pride which our fellow-citizens feel at the lead which your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen have given to the patriotism of the whole people. We thank God for what you have done—and we thank Him also for giving you health to do it.

Now that, by the blessing of God, Peace is within sight, our hearts are turned to the great