

bled, desire to approach your Majesty with a humble and dutiful assurance of our devotion to your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Following a long and cherished tradition, we hasten among our earliest acts to offer to our Sovereign this assurance of ardent loyalty, and to avow to him our purpose deep and strong always to labour for the full and yet fuller efficiency of the National Church in its providential commission to serve the general good, above all in those things of the spirit which are vital to the health of the whole national life.

With your Majesty's Kingdom and Empire at large we congratulate your Majesty with a reverent joy upon the victory which, under the favour of God, has crowned the valour and endurance of your Majesty's forces and of the forces of the Allies and Associates of this Realm in the greatest and most formidable of the wars of history. We do not dwell upon the supreme rightfulness of the struggle against a vast and calculated wrong; nor upon the glorious temper of the Allied hosts alike in good and in evil days; nor upon the willing submission to novel restraints in daily life shown by a people jealous above all others of liberty; nor upon the sorrows and sacrifices of innumerable homes nobly borne for a most dear Country and a transcendent Cause.

In this humble Address and only for a few moments even here we would speak more particularly of the noble service to that Cause rendered by your Majesty and by your Majesty's Royal Consort. In the long records of the Crown never surely do we find that Crown more nobly dignified by its wearers than in our own time, when for four long and fateful years the Nation has watched a King and Queen living without one intermitted day a life of unreserved and exacting service rich in the power of a self-forgetful sympathy, of a simplicity of spirit, and of a godly fear whose example has been a strength and an encouragement to us all.

To the God of our fathers whose holy Name your Majesty has ever invoked before us we now look humbly up with prayer and with thanksgiving. We thank Him for innumerable mercies of patience and of grace granted to us in our hour of need. We pray Him at this time of armistice in the field and of conference of the victorious nations for the peace and welfare of the world and also of grave anxieties and perils in the social life of your Majesty's own people that He will yet deal in patience and grace with England, with Europe and with the world.

And upon the person and Throne of your Majesty and upon your Royal House dear to this Nation alike in its joys and in the tender sacredness of its sorrows we call down with reverent affection the abiding benediction of our Lord and God.

Signed on behalf of the Convocation of York,
Cosmo Ebor,

President.

12th February, 1919.

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

I am grateful for this loyal and dutiful Address from your Grace, and the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of York in Convocation assembled. I thank you for your expression of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and for the

blessings which you call down on the labours incidental to it.

Your congratulations on the victory which has crowned the efforts of My Army and those of Our steadfast Allies are the expression of a feeling in which the whole nation can share.

With true humility and with thanks to Almighty God for the victory, we may yet feel the thrill of a justifiable pride. The nation has been true to its past, as full of a spirit of invincible valour as ever, as firm and enduring as ever in its refusal to see in any temporary eclipse the complete overshadowing of the powers of right. The tragedy of innumerable homes broken, of innumerable families bereaved, testifies to the strength and endurance of our consciousness of right in the struggle.

That the Queen and I have been permitted to take a part in the labours incident to this struggle has been to Us a solemn joy. If what We have been able to do has been, as I hope it has, a source of help to those engaged in fighting or working, or of consolation to those bereaved, We have been richly rewarded. I am grateful that through this trying period We have been granted the strength to labour, and the sympathy that lightens labour.

I join with you in thanks to God for the many mercies vouchsafed to this country and in your prayers and aspirations for the future. I pray that all threatening perils may pass, and that the issue of the War may be, for the British Empire, a people strong, patient, at peace with itself and with all men; and for the World, the removal for long, if not for ever, of the impending fear of Warfare and of all concerted violence.

Whitehall, March 7, 1919.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to

Our Most Dear Uncle and Counsellor His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of Our Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Great Master and Principal Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of Our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Field Marshal of Our Forces; and to

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

Sir Frederick William Stopford (commonly called the Honourable Sir Frederick William Stopford), Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and