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TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1925.

Whitehall, February 24, 1925.

The following Addresses were presented to HIS MAJESTY, at Buckingham Palace, on Saturday, the 14th instant:—

CONVOCAION 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 dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

It is our privilege for the third time within three years to present an Address to Your Majesty on the occasion of the opening of a new Convocation. Such an opportunity of approaching Your Majesty is always welcome to us, and although, owing to the shortness of the interval since Your Majesty graciously replied to our last Address, the problems to which we then were permitted to refer still confront us, both in Church and State, we desire humbly to assure Your Majesty that by the blessing of Almighty God we have been enabled to make progress towards the solution of some of them.

Especially would we express our thankfulness to God that Your Majesty's Governments have successively re-affirmed the desire which lies near the heart of the people of this Realm for the promotion of peace upon earth. International relations are still so unstable that we

value highly the expression which has been given both in word and deed to our whole-hearted resolve to support the ideals of the League of Nations and to work in all wise ways for international co-operation.

The proportion of the population in our own country out of employment, though still unhappily very large, has grown somewhat smaller. Further, though we seem far from removing what Your Majesty described as the harm caused to the community by the scarcity of houses, the will to alleviate this need has obviously been strengthened during the last twelve months, and we would reassert our hope that a requirement so essential to the wholesomeness of home life may ere long be more adequately met.

Never, we believe, were the bonds which bind the Dominions to each other and to the Motherland in fealty to the Crown and devotion to Your Majesty stronger or firmer than they are to-day, and among the forces which cement those bonds are the visits paid to the Dominions by members of Your Majesty's Family. We assure Your Majesty of the prayers and of the dutiful interest with which we shall follow His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on his impending visit to Africa, and have watched the visits of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to the Eastern regions of that Great Continent. Nor would it be fitting to pass over in silence the influence of the Exhibition at Wembley, in which Your Majesty has shown so warm and