

careful an interest. Your Majesty, as we gratefully remember, took part in the Service of Thanksgiving held there in connexion with the celebration of Empire Day.

In regard to the organic life of the Church of England, we are happy to record the continued success which has attended our deliberations both in Convocation and in the National Church Assembly. Six further Measures passed by the Assembly during the last year have received Your Majesty's assent, and the conclusion of our labours on the Revision of the Prayer Book is now within sight. Three Commissions have already been appointed to inquire in what way the findings of the Report of the Commission on the Administration of the Property and Revenues of the Church may best be embodied in further Measures.

The Assembly is also endeavouring to promote unity of administration in the educational system of this country, if that can be secured without peril to the religious principles whereof we are trustees; and, as a contribution towards the great work of Empire settlement, we are trying to encourage the migration to suitable regions overseas of groups of men, women, and children, who will carry to their new homes the common interests and experiences which they already share.

It may be of interest to Your Majesty to learn that during the past year the Upper Houses of the Convocations of Canterbury and York have sat together for their deliberations to secure the benefit of mutual counsel without impairing the independence of either Province.

We are still engaged to the utmost of our power in the endeavour to promote unity among all the followers of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and hope, by improving the administration of the Church of England, and quickening the fellowship in which we are bound to all who worship and work in Christ's Name, to advance the fulfilment of the Divine purpose of redemption among men.

We would conclude, as always, with the humble prayer that the blessing of Almighty God our Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, may rest upon Your Majesty and upon every member of the Royal House.

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

It gives me much pleasure to receive this loyal and dutiful Address from Your Grace and the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, and I thank you for your prayers on behalf of myself and my House.

I am happy to learn of the progress made, since you last approached me a year ago, in dealing with the problems which then lay before you. It is interesting to hear of the work done and which is still being carried on by Convocation and the National Church Assembly, and to realise that their labours are not limited only to matters of Church organisation and administration but that, within the range of their proper activities, the Assembly endeavour to exercise the power and influence of the Church in forwarding the general welfare of the Community.

I note with satisfaction that the Assembly are considering proposals to secure unity of

administration in the system of public education; and it would indeed be a matter of congratulation were it possible to arrive at a settlement of this important issue acceptable to all parties.

I am especially glad to hear of your endeavours in connection with Empire Settlement. I believe that the Church can render important service in this great work for the material and social well-being of my people both in this country and overseas.

I am touched and gratified by your reference to the visits of my sons to the Dominions. The ties uniting those Dominions to the Mother-Country and to one another are of paramount importance; and it is reassuring to feel that such visits help to strengthen these ties.

I rejoice to learn that now, as last year, the promotion of Christian Unity is foremost in your thoughts and labours. Your efforts in this direction have my cordial sympathy and I pray that the Divine Blessing may rest upon you in this and all your undertakings.

#### CONVOCAION 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, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of York, in Convocation assembled, approach Your Majesty with the dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

We welcome the opportunity afforded to us by the election of a new Parliament and Convocation to renew on behalf of the Church in the Northern Province our desire to promote and support all efforts of Your Majesty's Government which may be directed to set forth the welfare, moral and material, of the people.

Alterations in the political aspect of the Country effect little change in the matters which most concern us and our work, for, though in the movements of the national life, the balance of political opinion varies, the broad conditions of social well-being remain ever the same; and it is these, rather than the changes which determine the fortunes of the Government, that come within the sphere of our direct interest and responsibility.

We regret that the problem of Housing continues to be at once most intractable and most urgent, and we trust that in the face of what can no longer be regarded as other than a grave national peril, all classes of the community will be willing to co-operate in a spirit of unselfish readiness to meet a common need.

We regard with anxiety the social dislocation which has flowed from the long continued depression of the national Industries. Unemployment and the high cost of living are without doubt inflicting severe hardships on great multitudes of Your Majesty's subjects, and creating in their minds a discontent which, albeit natural, and indeed in the circumstances almost unavoidable, tends to hinder the growth of a sympathetic and intelligent co-operation between employers and workmen. Yet such co-operation appears to be indispensable if the