

At a time of grave intellectual and moral confusion, it is our hope and prayer that in these coming years Almighty God will give to His Church such a renewal of its faith and to every member of it such a heightened sense of his vocation as may strengthen the hold of our holy religion upon the hearts and lives of the people.

The cause of Christian Unity, to which Your Majesty has referred as being a vital question, and as being a matter in relation to which Your Majesty cherishes Your own fervent hope, makes slow but steady advance. The great Conferences held at Lausanne and at Jerusalem initiated fresh efforts and endeavours. And we may remind Your Majesty of the approach of another Lambeth Conference next year, when we expect that some 300 Bishops from all parts of Your Majesty's Dominions as well as from other regions of the world will meet to consider not only questions affecting our own Communion, but also this vital subject of the Reunion of the various Christian Societies within the visible Church of Christ.

We rejoice that Your Majesty's Government concluded negotiations for participation in the multilateral Treaty for the Renunciation of War as an instrument of national policy in the form proposed by the Government of the United States, and we follow with eager and anxious interest all the efforts which continue to be made both through the League of Nations, and otherwise, to increase security and establish peace among the nations of the world. To the furtherance of this great cause we are pledged by our faith in Christ and by loyalty to what we believe to be the Will of God.

We wish that we could congratulate Your Majesty on a great diminution of Unemployment in this country, on a general revival of our Industries, and on the removal from our midst of the reproach of bad or inadequate housing. But in all these matters there has been substantial improvement since we last addressed Your Majesty, and we would again assure Your Majesty of our desire to support and encourage in every way that we can any wise measures which Your Majesty's Government may devise to reduce still further these evils which we all deplore.

Finally, we cannot but recall the anxiety and constant prayers with which Christian people throughout the land follow the course of Your Majesty's severe and prolonged illness, and the joy with which they hailed Your Majesty's recovery and joined with Your Majesty in heartfelt thanks to Almighty God.

We would conclude, as always, with the humble prayer that the Divine Blessing, through our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue to rest upon Your Majesty, upon our gracious Queen, and upon every member of the Royal House.

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President.

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Prolocutor.

11th July, 1929.

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

It is a sincere pleasure to Me to receive your loyal and dutiful Address. Your reference to

My illness has deeply touched Me and I thank you for your prayers that blessings may be bestowed upon Myself, the Queen and My House.

I welcome with you the opportunity afforded of reflecting on the position of the Church of England in the corporate life of My Kingdom. Without a deep and abiding sense of spiritual and moral values, the life of a community, as of an individual, is incomplete. It is well to call to mind the responsibility of the Church for promoting this sense.

I rejoice to observe the spirit which animates your reference to the difficulties associated with the Revision of the Forms and Ordering of Public Worship. May the continued exercise of forbearance and patience render it possible, under God's guidance, to find a solution of this grave and perplexing problem.

The Church Assembly may look back not without satisfaction on the work which has in the last few years been done for promoting the material interests of the clergy during their active service and in retirement, and for securing in the interests of the people the efficient and diligent performance by the clergy of their duties and ministrations.

I fervently join in your prayer to Almighty God for an increase of the influence of religion by the renewal of faith and the strengthening of the spiritual consciousness of the members of the Church.

The progress which is being made with the promotion of Christian Unity is very gratifying and I trust that the Lambeth Conference next year will contribute to a further advance.

The continuous development of measures for securing international peace has given Me profound satisfaction and there is every reason for confidence that the agreements which have been made rest on a sure foundation in the hearts and minds of the peoples. By devoting its energies to the strengthening of this spiritual basis the Churches of the world can give incalculable assistance to the Governments in making still further progress.

The problems connected with Unemployment and the other domestic evils to which you allude are, as you are aware, of the gravest concern to Me. They are engaging the unremitting attention of My Ministers who will be strengthened in their task by your assurance of support and encouragement.

I pray that the Blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you and your labours.

#### CONVOCATION OF YORK.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

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 rejoice that the election of a new Parliament and Convocation should give us this early opportunity of addressing Your Majesty so soon after Your Majesty's restoration to health, for which we offer heartfelt thanks to Almighty God. We cannot doubt that the expressions of affectionate loyalty which have been called forth from all parts of the Empire by Your