

Majesty's grave illness and happy recovery demonstrate a growing consciousness of the unity of all Your Majesty's dominions, of which the throne is the centre and the bond.

In a time when the nations of the world are striving as never before to find a secure basis for abiding peace, we welcome alike the Pact of Paris as an expression of international aspiration, and the assurance that Your Majesty's Government will earnestly consider the question of signing on behalf of the British Empire the "Optional Clause" of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice. While we leave to others the technical questions involved we wish earnestly to support the principles therein embodied.

When this Convocation last had the honour of addressing Your Majesty, in February, 1925, we had occasion to deplore the unemployment and high cost of living which were then inflicting severe hardships on great multitudes of Your Majesty's people, especially those living in the great industrial areas of our Province. Throughout the four and a half years these evils have persisted, but we rejoice to think that there has lately been evidence of real improvement. We are convinced that only by the co-operation of all classes in the spirit of Christian fellowship can prosperity be recovered or maintained.

In the sphere of our special responsibility and in response to the Letters of Business issued to the Convocations by the Crown, we have given our best endeavour to bring the Law of Public Worship into accord with needs and aspirations of our time; Our proposals failed to secure the assent of the House of Commons, and we are therefore compelled to carry on the work of the Church without the aid which we hoped by this time to have obtained. We wish to assure Your Majesty that we shall continue to do our utmost to promote the peace and welfare of the Church to the Glory of God and for the salvation of Man.

And we shall ever pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest abundantly on Your Majesty's person, home and realm.

Dated at York this tenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

Signed on behalf of the Convocation of the Province of York,

William Ebor, President.

R. C. M. Harvey, Prolocutor.

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

I am grateful for your loyal and dutiful Address and for the blessings which you invoke upon Myself, My Home and My Realm.

I thank you sincerely for your reference to My illness and recovery. Nothing has moved Me more than the evidences of affection for Myself and devotion to My Throne which My illness evoked in every part of My Empire. I join with you in renewing My humble thanks to Almighty God for the mercy which He has shown to Me.

It gives Me great pleasure to observe that the furtherance of international peace is in the forefront of your thoughts. My Ministers will lose no opportunity of lending their support to any proposals which are well calculated to save the nations from the horrors of war, and they are now considering the Optional

Clause to which you refer in collaboration with the Governments of My Dominions with a view to early action. There is perhaps no sphere in which the co-operation of State and Church can be more fruitful, for the labours of statesmen can avail little if the Treaties and Pacts which they devise do not rest on a spiritual foundation.

The spirit which makes for peace among the nations can also be of assistance in solving the problems created by the unemployment which is unhappily continuing in so many of our industries. My Government is energetically devoting itself to these very difficult problems and all will join in the earnest hope that its efforts may have a successful issue.

I regret that it has not yet been possible to find an acceptable solution of the problem of revising the Law of Public Worship. I welcome your assurance of continued endeavour for the promotion of the peace and welfare of the Church and I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest on you in this and all your labours.

Crown Office,

House of Lords, S.W. 1.

19th February, 1930.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to constitute and appoint the Reverend Spencer Cecil Carpenter, B.D., Vicar of St. Peter, Bolton, Rural Dean of Bolton, Honorary Canon of Manchester, Chaplain to His Majesty, to be Master or Keeper of the House and Church of the New Temple, London, in the place of the Reverend William Henry Draper, M.A., resigned.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday, the 28th February, 1930, at 1 o'clock, for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the War Loan Acts, 1914-1919, to the amount of £30,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5,000 or £10,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Monday, the 3rd March, 1930, to Saturday, the 8th March, 1930, inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000, and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted tenders must be made