

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

I thank Your Grace most sincerely for the loyal and dutiful Address of the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury. I am deeply touched by the warmth of your sympathy with Queen Mary and with Myself in our sorrow for the loss of my dear Father and by the moving words in which you have expressed your regard and affection for King George.

I appreciate the assurance of your confidence in me. It will be my constant endeavour to follow in King George's footsteps. All that affects the Church will be my close concern and I join with you in the prayer that Divine Providence may guide and sustain me in my labours for the welfare of my people.

CONVOCAATION 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 meet under the shadow of a national grief. The death of King George the Fifth, Your Majesty's Royal Father, has united all his people in a common sorrow. For twenty-five years his courageous leadership, his self-denying service of his country, his devotion to duty and his ready sympathy with his subjects in all their joys and sorrows, have been an inspiration and a source of stability and strength to his whole Realm. The expression of honour and affection felt for him throughout the Empire and throughout the world at the time of the Silver Jubilee was proof of the place which he had won in the hearts of all men.

We recall with especial gratitude his deep concern for all that affected the welfare of the Church, the simple affection belonging to home and family life in which he allowed his people to share, and the sure trust in God which sustained him through so many trials.

To Your Majesty now succeeding him upon the Throne we offer the homage of our hearts. We are grateful for all that Your Majesty has done for the unity of the Empire and for the promotion of friendship between our own and other lands. We also rejoice in the many proofs which Your Majesty has given of interest in industrial conditions, of sympathy with the distressed, and of concern for the welfare of youth. We give thanks to Almighty God that He has raised to the Throne of our country and empire one who has already gained affection and confidence from those over whom he is called to reign.

We notice with joy the improvement of trade which has delivered many of our fellow-citizens from the calamity of unemployment; but we dare not ignore or forget the fact that in some parts of our Province recovery is delayed. The misery and the risk of moral deterioration

which are inseparable from prolonged unemployment constitute a claim upon the sympathy of all Christian people and upon their thoughtful co-operation in wisely planned efforts for alleviation of those evils.

We rejoice that our country has shewn so decided a purpose to play its part within the family of nations in the effort to maintain justice and peace. We join our prayers with those of our fellow Christians in all lands that God will be pleased to preserve the world from the horrors of warfare and to quicken in the hearts of all men that spirit of love which is the only guarantee of peace.

And we shall ever pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest abundantly upon Your Majesty's Person, Your Royal Family and Realm.

Dated at York this Twenty-third day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-six.

Signed on behalf of the Convocation of York.

WILLIAM EBOR,
President.

FREDERICK GEORGE ACKERLEY,
Prolocutor.

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

I am deeply touched, Your Grace, by the moving words in which the Convocation of the Province of York has paid tributes of respect and affection to the memory of my dear Father.

I thank you for the expression of your devotion to Myself and for your assurances of confidence in me. The two great causes to which you refer—the establishment of peace and goodwill between nations and the alleviation of those evils of unemployment from which so many of my people are unhappily still suffering—will be matters of constant and lively concern to me.

As through the years to come I strive to follow in the footsteps of King George, I shall be comforted and strengthened by the knowledge of Your prayers that the Blessing of Almighty God may rest upon me.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

A LOYAL AND DUTIFUL ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY KING EDWARD THE EIGHTH ON THE DEATH OF HIS ROYAL FATHER KING GEORGE THE FIFTH, AND OF CONGRATULATION ON HIS OWN ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

We, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, venture to approach Your Majesty in this time of your deep sorrow and to present to you our humble condolence. In common with the whole British Empire—we may almost say with the whole world—we mourn the death of a beloved King, a man wise in counsel, resolute in duty, courageous and steadfast in adversity, a Father to all the peoples in His dominions. And our sense of loss is the greater in that we have peculiar ties which bind us to your Royal House. You, Sire, have shared the life of our University and your Undergraduate