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Whitehall, March 27, 1937.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday the 23rd instant:—

CONVOCAATION OF CANTERBURY.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Archbishops, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, approach Your Majesty with the dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

In assuming the responsibilities of Your high office Your Majesty will be sustained by the goodwill and confidence of the whole British Commonwealth at home and overseas.

We rejoice to think that your Majesty will be able to draw upon the ripe experience and ready sympathy of your Royal Mother, Queen Mary, and that in your home life, as in the fulfilment of your public duties, you will have at your side our gracious Queen Elizabeth, whose unfailing kindness and unaffected charm have long since endeared her to all classes of your people.

It is with confident hope that we look forward to Your Majesties' Coronation. We assure Your Majesty that, so far as in us lies, we shall not be passive onlookers at your Hallowing.

We regard it as a sacred duty, as we count it a high honour, to associate ourselves and

those whom we represent with the noble resolve expressed by Your Majesty in your message to the Empire at the beginning of this year; and in union with our King and Queen, we desire to dedicate ourselves afresh, in this Coronation year, to the Service of our country and of our God.

We commend to Your Majesty's favour and protection the Church which we represent, and crave Your encouragement and support in all that it attempts to do for the moral and spiritual welfare of Your people in this and other lands.

And we shall ever pray that Grace and Guidance may be given to Your Majesty in the discharge of the duties of Your exalted station, and that the Blessing of Almighty God may rest upon Your Majesty, upon our gracious Queen Elizabeth, upon Your children and upon every member of Your Royal House.

(Sgd.) COSMO CANTUAR, President.

(Sgd.) D. H. S. CRANAGE, Prolocutor.

21st January, 1937.

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

I thank Your Grace for this loyal and dutiful address upon my accession to the Throne. I am deeply moved by your references to the Queen and my dear Mother. I assure you that I shall ever give my support to your work among my peoples. And in carrying out the duties which have now fallen to me