

I shall be encouraged and sustained by the knowledge that your prayers are offered to God in my behalf.

### CONVOCAATION 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 join with all our fellow-citizens throughout this nation and empire in the sympathy and the loyal welcome universally extended to Your Majesty on Your accession, and we ask permission to express our humble duty to Your Majesty and to Your Majesty's gracious Consort. We render thanks to Almighty God, "by Whom Kings reign and princes decree justice" that He has called to reign over us one who has shown so deep an interest in the welfare of all classes, and especially of the industrial and agricultural workers who form so large a proportion of the people among whom we minister. We rejoice in the knowledge that Your Majesty has taken a personal share in practical efforts to bind together young people of different social types in a living fellowship which must lead to fuller mutual understanding in the years to come.

The general improvement in the Trade and Commerce of our Country has for the time being at any rate beneficially affected most of the Province which we represent. But the "Special Areas" of Durham and West Cumberland are within that Province, as also are certain areas not thus officially described, but suffering from acute and continuing diminution of Trade. The effects of these conditions, not only in misery but also in damage to character, are such that we are obliged at all times to keep them before our minds and consciences, and to claim for the difficult problem of remedying these evils a foremost place in the attention of all citizens. We are encouraged by the knowledge that Your Majesty is as deeply concerned as ourselves for the amelioration of conditions in those areas.

We approach the Solemnity of Your Majesty's Coronation with heartfelt prayers that by God's blessing Your Majesty's subjects may be united with one heart and will in loyalty to Your Majesty and in brotherly charity one towards another, dedicating themselves with renewed devotion to Almighty God. We are persuaded that the welfare of our nation can be securely grounded only upon the revelation of God and His will given to men in Jesus Christ and we know that we shall have the encouragement of Your Majesty's support in every effort we may make to deepen in ourselves and in our fellow citizens the response of faith and obedience to the Gospel.

And we shall ever pray that His blessing may rest abundantly upon Your Majesty's

Person, upon Her Majesty the Queen, upon Queen Mary, and upon Your Majesty's whole Family and Realm.

Dated at York this 21st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

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

WILLIAM EBOR, President.

FRED. G. ACKERLEY, Prolocutor.

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

I thank your Grace for the loyal and dutiful address from the Province of York upon my accession to the Throne.

With God's help I shall do all within my power to promote the fellowship and welfare of my peoples, especially those upon whom the burden of unemployment, to my deep distress, still lies so heavily.

I join in your prayers that the Blessing of God my rest upon my reign.

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

A LOYAL AND DUTIFUL ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI ON HIS ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the most loyal and ancient University of Oxford ask leave to address to Your Majesty our congratulations on your accession to the Throne. Called unexpectedly to assume this lofty position of great responsibility, Your Majesty has responded to the call with the same quiet resolution with which, Sir, you have always met the summons of duty. Encouraged by the example of your illustrious Father and Mother, supported by the companionship of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and animated by a sympathy with all classes of your people, many times shown in word and deed, Your Majesty may proceed to the execution of your high duties confident of the loyalty and affection of your subjects.

We of the University of Oxford rejoice to reckon Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen among our Doctors and we hope for a continuance of that Royal favour which has in times past been bestowed upon us. We beg to assure Your Majesty of our unswerving devotion to the Throne, and we pray that Your Majesty's reign may be long, happy and prosperous.

Given in our House of Convocation on the Sixteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

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

It gives me great pleasure to receive from the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford this loyal and dutiful address upon my accession to the Throne.