

occasions on which, as Duke of York, I held the historic Office of Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly.

It will be My earnest endeavour, with God's help, to preserve the blessings of peace in the homes of My people.

#### DEPUTATION FROM THE FREE CHURCHES.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, representing the Free Churches, and including the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the Three Denominations, together with the Deputies of Protestant Dissenters, and also the Presbyterian Divines of London and Westminster, desire to convey to Your Majesty the assurance of our Heartfelt devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person. We earnestly pray that Your Reign may be a long and happy one and that it may be marked by an increase of true religion, the health and safety of the Realm and peace among the nations of the world.

On behalf of the Free Churches we assure Your Majesty of our constant prayers that You may be sustained in bearing the burden of Your high office by the help of Almighty God, and that His richest blessing may rest upon Yourself, upon our Gracious Queen Elizabeth and upon Your children.

(Sgd.) M. E. AUBREY,  
Moderator, Federal Council of the  
Evangelical Free Churches.

(Sgd.) JAMES COLVILLE,  
President, National Council of the Evan-  
gelical Free Churches.

(Sgd.) J. W. EWING,  
Chairman, General Body of Protestant  
Dissenting Ministers of the Three  
Denominations.

(Sgd.) C. T. LEQUESNE,  
Chairman, Deputies of Protestant Dis-  
senter.

(Sgd.) J. WORTHINGTON,  
Secretary, Presbyterian Divines of London  
and Westminster.

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

I am grateful for this Loyal and Dutiful Address assuring Me of the devotion of the Members of the Free Churches to My Throne and Person.

I thank you sincerely for your good wishes, and I join in your prayer that God may sustain Me in My work and grant us all His blessing.

#### SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please the King

As representing the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, of Great Britain and Ireland, we bring to Your Majesty the loyalty which we have always given to your House.

The continuing generations of family life from your great ancestress, Queen Victoria, have brought to you a wonderful inheritance. We look back with grateful thoughts to the character of your beloved Father, feeling sure that this will be both a support and an inspiration in the task now laid upon you.

We value the sympathetic interest so freely shown by you in all that affects the life of the masses of your people, their recreation in youth, their welfare in industry, their needs when unemployed. We are confident that this experience in comradeship, added to your personal knowledge of the many different peoples in your wide Empire, will be of service in forwarding that understanding between men and nations of which the world now stands in deepest need.

We pray that you and your advisers may be guided by Almighty God in seeking and finding the right path to take through all the difficulties which beset the world to-day.

In thus saluting you at the outset of your reign, may we be permitted also to express to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth our earnest wishes for your joint happiness. Believing that our civilisation has grown from the sound foundation of a well-ordered family life, united in the bonds of affection, we rejoice to think that the example of the happiness of your own home will radiate to your subjects everywhere.

Signed on behalf of the Society of Friends in Great Britain.

WILFRID E. LITTLEBOY, Clerk.

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

I thank you for your loyal Address and I am much touched by your reference to my dear Father and to my Family. I pray with you that God's Blessing may rest on our efforts to secure the happiness of our people at home and abroad and to foster sympathy and understanding between the nations.

#### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Principal, University Court, Senatus and General Council of the University of Edinburgh, humbly beg leave to tender to Your Majesty, and to Queen Elizabeth, of whose Scottish lineage we are proud, our cordial congratulations on Your Majesty's succession to the Throne, and to pledge our unswerving fidelity and devotion to your Royal House.

We beg to assure Your Majesty of our deep gratitude for the signal services you have already rendered to the peoples of the British Commonwealth, and our firm conviction that your reign, under the blessing of Divine Providence, will safeguard the liberties and promote the welfare and contentment of all the subjects of your vast Empire. In particular we cherish the confident hope that Your Majesty will continue your gracious favour to the universities and all schools of sound learning throughout your dominions.