

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

It is with particular pleasure, Mr. Dean, that the Queen and I have received the congratulations of the Chapter and yourself upon the engagement of Our dear daughter, for the Abbey in which we were married and in which our coronation took place has a very special place in our affection. The Queen and I thank you sincerely for your congratulations and good wishes and we wholeheartedly join in your prayer that the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten will be attended with every blessing.

#### CITY OF WESTMINSTER.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the City of Westminster desire to offer to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen, on the happy occasion of the betrothal of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, Royal Navy, the congratulations of the Royal City of Westminster.

It is our pride that, ever since King Edward the Confessor founded his Minster in the West, the Royal Family have made their home within the circle of its benediction; and that thereby our City is specially privileged to share in the dedication, renewed in every age, of the Royal Family to the glory of God through the service of the Commonwealth.

When Her Royal Highness, on her twenty-first birthday, solemnly took this dedication upon herself, and invited all Your Majesty's subjects to do the like, we are convinced that nowhere in Your Majesty's Dominions was the response in the heart more spontaneous and universal than in this City, where Her Royal Highness was born and has made herself so honoured and beloved.

In the life of the Royal Family the Commonwealth of Nations sees an image and an enrichment of its own. We hope and pray that this happy marriage may ever be a source of joy for Your Majesties, who may see your children's children grow up for the support and exaltation of the Throne; and that men may speak hereafter of this wedding, solemnized in time of adversity, as a festival from which the victorious British peoples drew refreshment of their ancient spirit, and went forward, led by Your Majesties, to renew and surpass the glory of their ancestors.

Given under the Corporate Seal }  
this 9th day of October, 1947. } L.S.

G. Howard, Mayor.  
Parker Morris, Town Clerk.

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

The Queen joins with me in thanking you for your Loyal Address and for your congratulations on the engagement of Our dear daughter. We deeply value the good wishes of the citizens of Westminster, among whom we live, for the happiness and prosperity of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Mountbatten in their married life.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, the 13th instant:

#### CONVOCAATION OF CANTERBURY.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled, approach Your Majesty, on the occasion of the betrothal of Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Mountbatten, with dutiful assurance of our devotion to Your Throne and Person.

The Throne is so deeply grounded in the traditions of our country and so firmly based upon the loyal affection of its citizens, that the marriage of one who stands next in succession to that High Office must be of great moment to all Your Majesty's subjects. It is the sure instinct of our people, as it is also the conviction of Christian faith, that public service should rest upon the foundation of domestic virtue and happiness. We constantly give thanks

to God for the example of a godly and happy home life which is given by Your Majesty and Her Majesty The Queen. Being assured that the betrothal of Her Royal Highness springs from a true accord of hearts and knowing that it has the approbation of Your Majesties, we rejoice that the prospect of domestic felicity should be so happily conjoined with the public advantage by the marriage of the Heir Apparent to one who combines princely lineage, British education and citizenship, fine character and an honourable record of service in that calling which particularly holds the affections of British people.

Your Majesty's subjects have watched with ever-increasing admiration and respect the growth of the Princess Elizabeth to large-hearted and accomplished womanhood. Sharing with all those of her own generation in the experiences of the late war, taking her place when the time came in many of the activities of war-time service, showing her deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of Your Majesty's people, she has become the accepted leader of young people and has won the loyal confidence and the affectionate goodwill of all. By her own solemn dedication of herself, notably declared at her coming of age when she broadcast from South Africa, to life-long service of Your Majesty's people and Commonwealth, she has made manifest the spirit in which she faces the heavy responsibilities which rest upon her and has summoned us all to be of like mind in facing the serious exigencies of these days of national trial.

On November 20th, we, in common with multitudes of Your Majesty's subjects in the Commonwealth and Empire, as also with many beyond its boundaries, will lift up our hearts joyfully and gratefully to God, praying that He will give to Her Royal Highness and her partner the fullness of domestic blessing and all needful wisdom, courage, faith and strength for their life and work together. We shall also pray that in their time Your Majesty's people and the peoples of the world, responding to the guidance of God, may be enabled to attain to a better and happier order wherein God's laws are obeyed to the well-being of mankind.

We would conclude, as always, with the humble prayer that the Divine Blessing, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue to rest upon Your Majesty, upon our Gracious Queen and upon every member of the Royal House.

Geoffrey Cantuar, President.  
W. R. Matthews, Prolocutor.

16th October, 1947.

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

The Queen and I thank Your Grace, the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury in convocation assembled for your loyal Address of congratulation upon the engagement of Our dear daughter to Lieutenant Mountbatten. It is on this happy occasion particularly gratifying to Us to hear your tribute to the position which Princess Elizabeth has already won for herself in the affections of My people, and to the many and varied services which she and her future husband have already rendered to our country and to the Commonwealth.

My father set before me and my family a high standard of duty. I am sure that Our daughter will always keep King George's lofty ideals before her and endeavour to follow his example of constant service.

Those who, like the Queen and Myself, have been happy in their married life, know what a bulwark domestic happiness can be. We wish for our daughter and her husband no less happiness in their home life than it has been our privilege to enjoy. I know that this will be the earnest desire of all My peoples, with whom the Queen and I join in the prayer that God will abundantly bless the marriage.

#### CONVOCAATION OF YORK.

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 desire to express to Your Majesty our happiness in the marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten,