

I am deeply moved by your warm and eloquent tributes. I thank you sincerely for your prayers on My behalf and I shall endeavour, with God's help, and your support to continue to uphold the Christian virtues and to further the cause of peace.

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

May it please The Queen,

As representatives of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, we bring warm congratulations on the occasion of Your Silver Jubilee.

You have reigned over a rapidly changing community of peoples in a world rent by many devastating conflicts. We must not minimize the problems of our time; nevertheless, during these twenty-five years we have as a nation become more conscious that we are members one of another. We are learning to value the richness of a multi-racial community and to realise our responsibility for the right use of limited natural resources. Our present difficulties provide opportunities to explore a simpler way of life. Many young people are showing a greater readiness to help the under-privileged, at home and abroad; there is also the spirit of adventure characteristic of youth—a spirit encouraged by The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The welcome signs of openness and a willingness to think afresh give grounds for confidence and hope, despite all the complexities that beset us.

At the time of Your twenty-first birthday, You expressed a sense of dedication, which we know has continued through the succeeding years; and Your willingness to accept change has been balanced by faithfulness to those unchanging spiritual values which are eternal. To maintain this balance may well be the task which lies ahead of us all in the days to come.

In Your Christmas broadcast last year, You stressed the need for reconciliation in national and international affairs, and within our own homes and families. Civilization is a fragile thing and depends upon steadfastness in seeking the reconciling element in every situation. As Quakers, we share Your belief that reconciliation is the product of reason, tolerance and love. It is our Christian conviction that the spirit of God is to be found in every human heart and that it is man's task with God's help to discover it and to respond to it, however difficult this may sometimes be.

We are grateful for the quiet and faithful way in which You, with the constant support of Your husband, fulfil Your exacting role, and we pray that You will continue to be strengthened in Your task in the years that lie ahead. May God's blessing rest upon You and Your family, now and always.

Signed on behalf of Meeting for Sufferings, the standing representative committee of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain:

Erica F. Vere, Clerk.

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

I thank you, most warmly, for the congratulations and good wishes which you bring from the Religious Society of Friends.

Like you, I see encouraging signs for the future. The climate of change in which we live calls for high levels of adaptability and tolerance, but it also opens the way to progress for society as a whole, and to greater fulfilment for the individuals within it. The values of which you have spoken will give us our direction, and I join you in looking forward with confidence and hope.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

Most Gracious Sovereign:

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your most loyal and devoted subjects, representing the University of Your capital city, in this, the hundred and fiftieth year since a Royal Duke, Your Illustrious Ancestor, laid the Foundation Stone of its first Institution, send to You our warmest and most heartfelt congratulations upon the happy occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

We recall with profound pleasure that, alone among living persons, You have done us the honour of accepting two Honorary Degrees from our University, in the Faculties of Music and Laws: symbolising thereby the inspiration to the soul of Your people and the respect for law and good order which have marked Your Monarchy.

You are our Visitor, the ultimate Repository of Authority in this Federation. Your most esteemed Great-Uncle was our Chancellor for over thirty years; and Your beloved Mother, who stands so high in our hearts and affections, has now been our Chancellor for as long as You have been our Queen. The debt we owe to You and Your family is great beyond words.

We earnestly pray that, as this University has benefited by Your benign Rule, so may this Nation flourish for many more years under Your continued care; and we take pride in thus being privileged to express to You this our tribute of duty and devotion.

Elizabeth, Chancellor.

Frank Hartley, Vice-Chancellor.

J. P. Quilliam, Chairman of Convocation.

Leslie Scarman, Chairman of the Court.

F. M. G. Willson, Principal.

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

I thank you most sincerely for your congratulations on the occasion of My Silver Jubilee and for your assurances of loyalty and devotion. I greatly value My personal association with the University of which I am Visitor and an Honorary Graduate, and I am deeply moved by your tributes to My Family. I assure you of My continued interest in the work and achievements of the University.

DEPUTATION FROM THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS AND THE ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, The Board of Deputies of British Jews recorded as the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews, the elected and the representative body of the Jewish Community in the United Kingdom and the communities whom we represent, and we, the Anglo Jewish Association for ourselves, sincerely offer to Your Majesty our warmest congratulations on the joyous occasion of Your Silver Jubilee.

This auspicious anniversary creates universal pleasure in the hearts of all Your people, and these sentiments are deeply felt by Your Majesty's Jewish subjects.

We once again avail ourselves of this opportunity of assuring Your Majesty of our attachment to the Throne and our devoted loyalty towards the Person and Family of Your Majesty, and we pray that the Almighty may continue to give divine protection and the blessings of happiness and peace to Your Majesty, and to Your distinguished Consort His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

Fisher of Camden, President, Board of Deputies of British Jews.

V. Lucas, President, Anglo Jewish Association.

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

I am happy to accept this Address from the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo Jewish Association on the twenty-fifth anniversary of my accession to the throne, and to receive the assurance of the continued loyalty of my Jewish subjects. I am very glad that the Silver Jubilee has given so much pleasure, and my husband joins me in thanking you for your good wishes.

DEAN AND CHAPTER OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

The Humble Address of the Dean and Chapter of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in Westminster.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects express to You our sincere and respectful good wishes on the occasion of Your Silver Jubilee.