

## The Loyal Address by Lord Sainsbury of Turville, Chancellor of the University of Cambridge

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal and devoted Subjects, the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, offer our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations on the joyous occasion of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Our University has long benefited from connections with Your Majesty's family, connections which have been particularly close during your own reign. Your sons The Prince of Wales and The Earl of Wessex, and your cousin The Duke of Gloucester, number among our alumni; The Duke of Edinburgh served with distinction as our Chancellor for thirty-five years. You have created two Regius Professorships, one in Botany to celebrate our eighth centenary, when you favoured us with a visit to our Senate-House and received our last Address, and a second in Engineering, to mark the retirement of Prince Philip as our Chancellor. For all these things we offer our most sincere thanks.

Your long reign has seen many changes take place in your Kingdom and Realms and in the world beyond, and they have not all been comfortable. But with a gentle hand upon the rudder of the ship of State you have kept us on a safe course. We give thanks for your wisdom, strength and constancy, and as you have recently dedicated yourself anew to the service of your people, so now we take this opportunity to reaffirm our loyalty and devotion to the Throne and Person of Your Majesty.

God save the Queen.

