

to grace the ceremony with Her presence and sympathy.

Your Majesties will, we believe, recognize that among the great and pressing duties entrusted to our care in the local government of nearly five millions of Your Majesty's loyal subjects, there are few at this juncture of more importance than the clearing of insanitary areas and the opening up of facilities for traffic. The building of London, and particularly of its central parts, was undertaken so many years before its development into the greatest city of the world, that the difficulties in the way of making adequate provision for modern requirements are very great; and we may remind Your Majesties that an improvement similar in object to that now happily completed by Your Majesties to-day was first submitted for approval to a Committee appointed by Parliament seventy years ago. We venture to claim for the Kingsway and Aldwych improvement a special degree of success, because it will at once be the most extensive improvement since the construction of Regent-street in 1820, and at the same time involve the least ultimate charge upon the ratepayers of London. It includes an underground tramway service through the central part of London which we hope will be permitted by Parliament to become a connecting link between north and south London. And we take pride in the fact that while it has caused the demolition of much undesirable property, the inhabitants displaced therefrom have been provided with healthier and better houses in the working class dwellings in which Your Majesties have shown such close and sympathetic interest. We beg leave to assure Your Majesties that the architecture of the new streets, in which we know Your Majesties take great interest, will receive our earnest and most careful consideration, and we look forward to the immediate future when these two great thoroughfares will have realized our intention and form one of the most beautiful features of Your Majesty's capital.

We desire to tender to Your Majesties our humble and grateful thanks for the encouragement afforded to us by the interest always evinced by Your Majesties in the welfare of London, and we hope that on the occasions of Your Majesties' residence in London the evidence of our constant endeavours to improve the condition of its people will be always apparent.

We pray that Your Majesties may long be spared to live in health and strength, continuing to exhibit for all parts of the Empire such care and concern as we see in the capital on whose behalf we address Your Majesties to-day, and as will be seen in India when Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales carry to its Princes and people Your Majesties' gracious message of hope and goodwill.

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

"I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for your loyal and dutiful Address and for your good wishes for Our welfare.

"It gives Me great pleasure to be present here to-day to open the magnificent streets which are to be known as Aldwych and Kingsway, and the Queen is very glad to be able to accompany Me on this occasion.

"The additional routes for traffic which these new streets provide will, I have no doubt, assist

largely in facilitating communication between the various parts of the Metropolis; and the improvement will also do much to beautify the capital of My Empire, and will be a perpetual memorial of the capacity and enterprise of your Council.

"It gives Us much satisfaction to know that superior accommodation has been provided elsewhere for the industrial population displaced by the improvement. Some of the dwellings which have been erected have been visited with much interest by the Queen and Myself.

"I am well assured that in carrying out this and other undertakings the London County Council will always have regard to the best interests of all classes of My subjects, and that the manifold duties which the guardianship of so vast an area and so large a population involves will be performed with the zeal and energy of which this fine improvement is so conspicuous an example.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,  
St. James's Palace, November 3, 1905.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order, to take effect from the dates noted:—

*To be Honorary Commander:*

26th September, 1905. Colonel Taro Utsunomiya, Military Attaché to the Japanese Legation, London.

*To be Honorary Member of the Fifth Class:*

21st October, 1905. Hermann Frederick Albert Busch, President of the Veteran Association of the 1st Regiment of Dragoons of the Guard, "Queen Victoria of Great Britain and Ireland."

*To be Knight Commander:*

14th October, 1905. Henry Charles, Baron Brougham and Vaux.

*To be Commander:*

30th October, 1905. Lieutenant-Colonel Amelius Richard Mark Lockwood, M.P.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,  
October 31, 1905.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Launcelot Jefferson Percival, M.A., Vicar of St. James's, Fulham, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to His Majesty, to be one of the Priests in Ordinary to His Majesty, in the place of the Reverend Richard Tahourdin, M.A., resigned.

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Richard Tahourdin, M.A., Chaplain at St. George's Duke of Albany Memorial Chapel, Cannes, to be an Honorary Chaplain to His Majesty.

The KING has been pleased to appoint the Reverend Trevitt Reginald Hine-Haycock, M.A.,