

I am sincerely grateful for the expressions of loyalty and affection from my people of Newark contained in your Address. You have referred with a legitimate pride to the example of courage and faithfulness to their chosen cause displayed by your forefathers in the troubles of the 17th Century: and I am happy in accepting your assurance that the citizens of Newark to-day are no less loyal and devoted than were their ancestors.

It is my earnest hope and prayer that your ancient and historic town may continue to flourish and that upon it the Divine Blessing may ever rest.

Whitehall, July 19, 1928.

The following address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the reception by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace of the Overseas Delegates to the International Conference on Cancer on the 16th July, 1928:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

This International Conference on Cancer has been convened by the British Empire Cancer Campaign for the purpose of bringing together the Physicians, Surgeons, Pathologists, Radiologists, Biochemists and others who have been closely associated with Research into the Causes and Cure of Cancer.

Those present are the International Representatives to the Conference together with Delegates from many portions of Your Majesty's Empire and they tender you their most respectful salutations.

In addition to the Delegates now present a further two hundred Delegates from the Universities, Medical Schools and principal Laboratories of the Kingdom will attend the Conference at its opening Session to-morrow morning.

The Conference will approach its labours with confidence and stimulated by the knowledge that Your Majesty has demonstrated such practical sympathy with this great work by honouring the Overseas Delegates by receiving them. Furthermore, by the knowledge that one of Your Majesty's Sons has presided over the work of the British Empire Cancer Campaign since its inception.

The aim and object of this Campaign in bringing about the first International Conference in this Country on the subject of Cancer, will, it is hoped, do much to co-ordinate Research in all parts of the World. At the Conference many problems presented by this disease will be discussed and considered from many points of views.

The Delegates will visit the principal Institutions, Hospitals and Radiology Centres where they will have the opportunity of witnessing the most modern methods of the surgical, radiological and medical Treatment of this Disease and in turn they will contribute towards the common fund of knowledge from their own experience.

Whatever may be the consequences of this International Conference, those who have come here now pledge their word to Your Majesty that they are determined to pursue relentlessly this problem to its final elucidation.

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

I thank you very sincerely for your Address and I am happy to welcome the Delegates of the International Conference on Cancer. It is both gratifying and encouraging that representatives of Universities, Medical Schools and other learned bodies, and men who have won distinction in all parts of the world by their work in Research, Medicine and Surgery, have been able to attend this Conference. We in this country are indebted to the British Empire Cancer Campaign for much useful service in the field of cancer research: and particularly for organising this Conference to take counsel together for the relief of suffering humanity. This large and distinguished assembly is a happy omen for the final success of the campaign, for they will have opportunity of looking from every angle at this great and complex problem, of contributing to the general knowledge any light upon the subject gained by individual experience, and of discussing and comparing the various practical methods for combating the disease. In struggling against so powerful and insidious an enemy, there is need for the most efficient staff work and the closest co-operation between all arms of our forces.

I note with interest that your object is research both into the cure and causes of cancer. No doubt in the last resort the discovery of the cause is the only certain and absolute means of cure. But I am glad that you have not ignored the practical side of the problem. Remembering the thousands of sufferers from cancer, I feel that if your discussions lead to advance in diagnosis, treatment, or even palliation of the disease, this Conference will have justified itself and earned the gratitude of mankind.

I am grateful for the assurance that you recognise my sympathy, shared also by the Members of my Family, with the work upon which you are engaged. Throughout his life my Father was deeply interested in all hospital work and especially in cancer research, and I myself, as President for several years of the Cancer Research Association, know the value of their labours, and am glad that my second son is now President of the British Empire Cancer Campaign. I appreciate your pledge to pursue your quest to the end and wish you God-speed in your arduous and beneficent work, trusting that in years to come men may be able to look back to the deliberations of this International Conference as the beginning of the ultimate triumph in the long war against cancer.

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W. 1.
17th July, 1928.*

MEMBER elected to serve in the present
PARLIAMENT.

Parliamentary Borough of Sheffield, Hallam Division.

Louis William Smith, Esquire, in the place of Major General Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G., who since his election for the said Borough hath accepted