

under our charge to maintain inviolate their loyalty to Your Majesty's person and government, and to render that willing obedience to the laws which the precepts of the Gospel require, not only for wrath but for conscience' sake.

That He who is King of kings, and Lord of lords, in Whose hands it is to make great, may abundantly bless Your Majesty and Your august and gracious Consort with the treasures of His grace and wisdom, that He may establish Your throne in righteousness, that the power of the Most High may sustain you amidst all the labours and cares of Your exalted station, that You may long reign in the heart of a free, loyal, and religious people, and that after a prosperous and glorious reign on earth You may be called to an inheritance incorruptible and unfading in that kingdom which cannot be moved, is the heart's desire and prayer of

May it please Your Majesty, Your Majesty's most faithful, most loyal, and most obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and by our appointment, by

NORMAN MACLEOD, D.D., Moderator.

Edinburgh, the 30th day of January 1901.

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

It is with sincere gratification that I receive the loyal and dutiful Address of the Commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

I thank you with all My heart, for your very touching reference to the irreparable loss which the nation has sustained by the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, my revered Mother, whose memory will, I feel sure, for ever dwell in the loving hearts of Her people.

I also thank you for your warm congratulations on My accession to the Throne, and the valued expressions of goodwill towards myself and the Queen.

You may securely rely upon the fulfilment of the sacred obligation under which I bound Myself on My accession, to maintain inviolate the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland.

I also firmly rely on the loyalty and attachment of her Ministers and Elders to My Throne and Person, and I pray that, under the blessing of Almighty God, the Church of Scotland may long continue, by the promotion of true religion and virtue, to exercise its powerful influence for good amongst My faithful and beloved subjects of Scotland.

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL,

February 25, 1901.

THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at St. James' Palace on the 23rd instant:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh, in public meeting

assembled, beg to offer Your Majesty our humble congratulations on Your Accession to the Throne of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and to express the hope that Your Royal Consort and Yourself will be long spared to reign over Your loyal subjects in all parts of Your Majesty's dominions.

As dutiful subjects we beg also respectfully to assure Your Majesty of our devotion to Your Person, Throne, and Government.

The invaluable services and assistance Your Majesty rendered Your Royal Mother, our beloved Queen Victoria, in the discharge of Her high and responsible duties, the love and affection You have always given to Her Majesty and the country, and the readiness with which, as Heir-Apparent, You have at all times given Your time and Royal influence to all matters affecting the public weal, are an assurance to us that You will, as Sovereign, be a worthy successor to Queen Victoria.

With much satisfaction we recall on this auspicious occasion the fact that, at our Royal High School, You received a part of Your education, that on many public occasions our ancient City of Edinburgh had the honour of Your noble and illustrious services, and specially that we had the high privilege in the year 1899 of admitting you a Burgess and Guild Brother of the City.

We beg to assure Your Majesty of the loyalty and fidelity of Your subjects in the Capital of Scotland.

Signed in name and by authority of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the twenty-fifth day of January, Nineteen hundred and one.

JAMES STEEL, Lord Provost.

THOMAS HUNTER, Town-Clerk.

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

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

I receive with much satisfaction this expression of devotion to My Throne and Person and to the Queen, and I am deeply gratified by the tribute which you have so justly and sympathetically paid to the revered memory of My beloved and illustrious Mother, the late Queen Victoria.

You may rest assured that I feel proud of my personal associations with My ancient City of Edinburgh, to which you refer in so kind a manner.

My loyal citizens of Edinburgh have ever been conspicuous for their zeal and energy in furthering every movement that is calculated to tend to the prosperity and well-being of this Country, and I confidently feel that in My earnest determination to maintain the rights and privileges of all classes of My subjects, and to promote the highest interests of My Empire, I shall have their loyal and unflinching co-operation.

SCOTTISH OFFICE, WHITEHALL,

February 25, 1901.

The King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the 22nd instant, to appoint John Henderson