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THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at St. James' Palace on the 20th instant:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Principal, and Professors and University Court of the University of Edinburgh, desire to tender to Your Majesty an expression of the profound sorrow with which, in common with all institutions and individuals throughout the Empire, we mourn the death of our late revered Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and we would humbly submit to Your Majesty our respectful sympathy in the irreparable bereavement which has befallen the Royal Family.

We recall with devout gratitude that the reign which has closed, while it exceeded in duration that of any previous occupant of the Throne, has, under the blessing of Providence, been productive of unexampled benefits in every degree of life and in every sphere of human interest, and that Her Majesty, our late Queen, has bequeathed to Her people an imperishable memory of nobility, purity, and wisdom.

Especially are we thankful for those marks of signal favour bestowed by our late Sovereign upon this University, which, since Her Majesty's Accession, has advanced from the position of a Municipal dependency to that of an autonomous Corporation, while the number of its members has greatly multiplied, so that within its precincts

are congregated students not only from all parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, but also from our Colonies and our Indian Empire.

And now, may it please Your Majesty, we would beg in a spirit of dutiful loyalty to offer to Your Majesty our congratulations on Your Accession to an historic and illustrious Throne, and to assure Your Majesty of our unswerving fidelity and devotion.

We would avail ourselves of the august occasion to recall with pride that Your Majesty was in 1859-60 a matriculated student of the University of Edinburgh, which may thus claim to have had a share in preparing Your Majesty for the high destiny to which Your Majesty has now been called.

It is also a source of satisfaction to us to reflect that upon the last occasion of Your Majesty's presence in Edinburgh, it was within the precincts of the University that Your Majesty was admitted a Burgess of the City of Edinburgh.

It is our humble and hearty prayer that Your Majesty, following in the steps of Your August Predecessor, may long be spared to rule over a prosperous and united people.

February 1901.

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR, Chancellor.

DUFFERIN AND AVA, Rector.

W. MUIR, Principal.

M. C. TAYLOR, Secy. University Court.

L. J. GRANT, Sec. Sen. Acad.