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Lord Chamberlain's Office, March 14, 1862.

ORDERS for the Court's going into Mourning on Sunday next, the 16th instant, for Her late Royal Highness The Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Schwerin; viz.:

The Ladies to wear black Dresses, white Gloves, black or white Shoes, Feathers, and Fans, Pearls, Diamonds, or plain gold or silver Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to wear Black Court Dress, with black Swords and Buckles.

The Court to change the Mourning on Wednesday the 19th instant; viz.:

The Ladies to wear black Dresses with coloured Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments, or grey, or white Dresses, with black Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and Ornaments.

The Gentlemen to continue the same Mourning.

And on Sunday, the 23rd instant, the Court to go out of Mourning.

Whitehall, March 13, 1862.

THE following Address of Condolence on the occasion of the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, which has been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Baronet, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, has been laid before the Queen by Sir George Grey, and has been received very graciously by Her Majesty:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Directory of the National Bible Society of Scotland, beg to approach your Majesty with the assurance of our devoted loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and Throne, and to offer our most fervent sympathy in an event which has bereaved you of so illustrious and beloved a husband—the Royal children of a parent so invaluable, and the nation of a personage so influential for the maintenance and promotion of its varied interests.

As Directory of a Society, united in their faith in the Bible as the Word of God, and in their desire to promote its diffusion among men, we recognised, with unfeigned satisfaction, the evidence

which your late illustrious Husband gave of his having believed its sacred truths, and embraced its Divine and most certain hopes.

We pray that your Majesty's grief (with which none may intermeddle) may be assuaged by the strong consolations revealed in that Gospel which we seek to distribute among men, and wherein life and immortality are brought to light. May your Majesty be sustained by the strength, and enjoy the richest blessings, of the God of the Bible, who hath said to his Church and people, "Thy Maker is thy Husband, The Lord of Hosts is his name, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel"—"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children."

Deeply impressed with the importance of the continuance of your Majesty's wise and benignant reign, we humbly pray that your Majesty's health may be preserved, and your life prolonged for many many years; and that, under your guidance and sway, your children may be educated and matured in character, suited to their high position, and the nations over whom you rule be cemented in union, and advanced in prosperity, and be, by the grace of God, made more extensively to believe the word of life, and to become more largely instrumental in extending among mankind the knowledge of the gospel which we enjoy, and the inestimable benefit of the holy religion which we have received.

May it please your Majesty.

Signed in name, and by appointment of the Board of Directory of the National Bible Society of Scotland, at their first meeting in the present year, by me,

John Henderson, Chairman.

Dated at Glasgow, this
4th day of March, 1862.

And the following on the same subject: from

The Acting Committee for the Establishment of Baths and Wash-houses for the Labouring Classes.

The Inhabitants of the County of Roscommon.

The Grand Jury of the County of Sligo.

The Turners' Company of London.

The Society for the Support of Gaelic Schools in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

The Committee of the British Branch of the Evangelical Alliance.

The County of Armagh.