

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the County Council of London, the representative authority of the inhabitants of the capital of Your Majesty's Empire, humbly approach Your Majesty in order to lay before Your Majesty this the expression of our feelings on the occasion of the death of our late much-loved Queen and of the accession of Your Majesty to the Throne.

We may be permitted to express our recognition of the high privilege we deem it to have lived under the virtuous and careful rule of the great Monarch who, over so long a period, held the sceptre of this realm; but the sense of this privilege is at the moment clouded by sadness, for to us, as indeed to all Her late Majesty's subjects, the national bereavement appears to be almost personal, and it is with these feelings that we venture not only to sympathize with, but also to share in the grief of Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Royal House.

We call to mind that the condition of the great community which we now represent has ever been a matter of concern to Your Majesty's predecessors on the Throne, and in particular, that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth expressed Her royal anxiety at the difficulties of preserving the citizens of London in health under the conditions of "such great multitudes of people brought to inhabit in small rooms," except by "devise of more new jurisdictions and officers for that purpose." It was, however, reserved for Her late Majesty to witness, and, as we humbly believe, to help and foster the better government of her capital by the institution of new jurisdictions, and by the establishment of representative authorities charged with preserving the health and providing for the ever-increasing requirements of its inhabitants, with the result that the growth of our great City during Her late Majesty's Reign, whilst unprecedented in rapidity and magnitude, has been accompanied by a continuous improvement in the health and comfort of its population.

We venture to attribute the notable development of public opinion in favour of ameliorating the social condition of the nation which has taken place during Her late Majesty's Reign, in no small degree to the high example of Your Majesty's Father, whose noble influence, during a lifetime that was all too brief, was ever directed towards the physical and intellectual uplifting of the People. We rejoice to think that with the memory of our Late Sovereign, a name will ever be associated which is already dear to the British Race as that of a Prince whose life was devoted to the social being of His fellow-men, and we are confident, from Your Majesty's often expressed interest in problems affecting the health and happiness of all classes, that Your Majesty will be guided by a like spirit of entire devotion to the public weal.

We pray Your Majesty to believe that it is with feelings of the greatest trustfulness that we contemplate Your Majesty's accession to the Throne. The gracious message which Your Majesty has already addressed to the nation, has inspired it with confidence that the great inheritance which has descended to Your Majesty will be preserved, consolidated, and strengthened in Your Majesty's experienced hands, and watched over with fond and proud traditions.

We humbly assure Your Majesty of our entirely devoted loyalty, of our affection for Your Majesty's person, and of our proud regard for Your Majesty's gracious and royal Consort, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

We humbly pray that Your Majesty may

long be spared to reign over these realms, and to ever receive the love, respect, and willing obedience of a free people.

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

"I RECEIVE with much satisfaction this expression of your loyalty and good will to Myself and My Consort; and the tribute which you justly pay to the virtues and excellencies of My dearly-beloved Parents, is very grateful to My feelings and to those of My Family.

"The developments made in the Government of London constitute one of the most important features of the reign of Her late Majesty. The good work done by you and your predecessors and coadjutors in municipal administration has resulted in an improvement in the health and conditions of a vastly increased population which testifies to your well-directed zeal.

"In the discharge of your onerous duties, which closely concern the welfare of millions of My people, I am confident that you will not slacken in the efforts which you have made and are making for dealing satisfactorily with the many difficult questions which await your consideration, and especially with that of the proper housing of the working classes, which is one in which I have always felt the deepest personal interest."

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 9th day of *February*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England did in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned, that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Her late Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her late Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her late Majesty chapter one hundred and fourteen duly prepare for the purpose of being laid before Her late Majesty in Council a scheme bearing date the tenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England in pursuance of the Act of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth years of Your Majesty chapter thirty-nine, and of the Acts therein mentioned that is to say, the Act of the third and fourth years of Your Majesty chapter one hundred and thirteen, the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Your Majesty chapter thirty-nine and the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Your Majesty chapter one hundred and fourteen have prepared and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following scheme for effecting a transfer of the ownership of the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the church and cure (hereinafter called 'the said benefice') of Manea, in the county of Cambridge and in the diocese of Ely.

"Whereas the advowson or perpetual right of patronage of and presentation to the said benefice of Manea is vested for an estate in fee simple without incumbrances in the Honourable Magdalen Wellesley of Number 7 Lower Berkeley-street, Manchester-square, in the county of Middlesex, and her heirs and assigns.

"And whereas the said Magdalen Wellesley is