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THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at St. James's 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 s rrow 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.

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

"I RECEIVE with pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I am gratified by your kind and sympathetic references to Our great sorrow and to the irreparable loss the Nation has sustained in the death of My Beloved Mother Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

"I receive with satisfaction your expressions of loyalty and your congratulations on My Accession to the Throne and your good wishes

for the prosperity of My reign.
"I rejoice to hear of the growth and progress made by your University and of its far-reaching influence, and I remember with pleasure My personal connection with the University of the Ancient City of Edinburgh, and I trust it may ever prosper in the good work it is so successfully carrying on."

T the Court at Saint James's, the 25th day of March, 1901.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by section sixteen of "The Pluralities Act, 1×38," as amended by "The Pluralities Act, 1850," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "That whenever it shall appear to the "Archbishop of the Province, with respect to his "own diocese, and whenever it shall be repre-"sented to him by the Bishop of any diocese, or "by the Bishops of any two dioceses, that two or " more benefices, or that one or more benefice or