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The following Address was presented to The King on Monday, the 27th July, at Buckingham Palace, when Their Majesties received a Deputation from the 17th Universal Congress of Peace now assembled in London:

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the representatives of the British supporters and the delegations from abroad of the 17th Universal Congress of Peace, beg to thank Your Majesties for the privilege of being allowed to present this Address and especially for thus enabling us to express personally our profound gratitude to Your Majesty who has so well earned the proud title of "The Peace Maker."

The Congress now assembled in London consists of representatives of organised Peace Societies and Associations, and of other bodies in sympathy with them, from many parts of the world. Societies from countries including—in addition to Great Britain and Ireland—the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan, Austria, Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Spain, South Africa, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Algeria send representatives to our meetings. This is the 17th of a series of International Peace Congresses held in various lands since 1889, the forerunners of which were an earlier series of Peace Congresses commencing in London as far back as 1843, and continuing to the time of the Crimean War.

One common object brings us together—the redemption of the world from the curse of international enmity and war, the promotion of legality and upright dealing between the nations, and the desire to bind the peoples of the world together in bonds of fraternity and mutual aid.

We rejoice at the many signs of the acceptance of these principles in our day, and at the successive efforts of the enlightened statesmanship of the Twentieth Century to give effect to the high ideals which are the common attributes

of universal religion. We cordially re-echo, Sire, Your Majesty's recent words that it is in times of peace that the happiness, prosperity and progress of Your people can best be increased and that the standard of religion and morality can be raised, and we desire to acknowledge with gratitude Your Majesty's constant effort to give effect to these ideals, and to cement the peace of the world.

We pray that this Congress may mark a further step towards the realisation of our common hope, and that Your Majesty may be abundantly blessed in your high task of leading the nations into the ways of brotherhood and mutual trust, and we beg to renew the expression of our deep thankfulness to Your Majesties for the privilege you have been pleased to accord us of presenting this humble Address.

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

"It gives Me great pleasure to welcome you, the representatives of the Universal Congress of Peace, and to receive your Address.

"There is nothing from which I derive more sincere gratification than the knowledge that My efforts in the cause of international peace and goodwill have not been without fruit, and the consciousness of the generous appreciation which they have received, both from My own people and from those of other countries.

"Rulers and statesmen can set before themselves no higher aim than the promotion of mutual good understanding and cordial friendship among the nations of the world. It is the surest and most direct means whereby humanity may be enabled to realise its noblest ideals; and its attainment will ever be the object of My own constant endeavours.

"I rejoice to think that your international organization, in which are represented all the principal civilised countries of the world, is labouring in the same field; and I pray that the blessing of God may attend your labours."