

profound sorrow on the sudden and lamented death of our late greatly beloved and most gracious Sovereign, King Edward the Seventh, Emperor of India, the memory of whose illustrious and beneficent reign will ever be cherished in the hearts of His people and the history of His country.

His high sense of His kingly duties, His sound judgment and exalted motives were recognised and acknowledged not only by His own devoted subjects but also by the rulers and peoples of the civilised world, whilst His efforts for the maintenance of peaceful relations between them will remain a lasting memory of the benign influence He so wisely exercised.

The accession of Your Majesty to the Throne of these Realms in succession to Your Royal Father, our late revered King, inspires us with the hope and confidence that, actuated by His lofty example, Your Majesty will maintain and uphold the greatness of our Empire and the integrity of its institutions.

We earnestly pray that in the discharge of Your exalted duties Your Majesty and Your illustrious Consort may be blessed with health, and that a long and prosperous Reign over a free, loyal, and contented people may by the blessing of the Almighty be vouchsafed to you.

Signed by Order of the Court,

JAMES BELL, Town Clerk.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, approach the Throne with feelings of the deepest grief and most respectful sympathy to express to Your Majesty our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government, and our heartfelt sorrow and condolence on the sudden and greatly lamented death of our late beloved Sovereign, His Majesty King Edward VII, whose ever conscientious and patriotic fulfilment of the duties of His exalted office won for Him the love and devotion of His faithful subjects, and whose earnest endeavours for the welfare of His Empire, the furtherance of international amity, and the peaceful progress of civilised nations are so extensively and cordially acknowledged.

Whilst with humility and resignation we submit ourselves to the inscrutable will of Almighty God we with heartfelt gratification hail Your Majesty's auspicious Accession to the Throne of Your Ancestors in the certain belief that Your Majesty will follow in the footsteps of Your illustrious Father, our late revered Sovereign, and at the same time maintain and uphold the Constitutional Government of these Realms.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesty and Your gracious and illustrious Consort, Her Majesty Queen Mary, may be long spared to reign over a loyal, united and contented people.

Signed by Order of the Court,

JAMES BELL, Town Clerk.

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

"I thank you most heartily on behalf of Queen Mary and Myself for your loyal and dutiful

Addresses, and am touched by your words of condolence with Me in My sorrow at the death of My beloved Father.

"It is a source of consolation to Me to feel that the hearts of My subjects in My capital City are deeply moved in sorrow by Our bereavement, and that, as you truly say, the loss which falls upon Me and My family is shared by the many Peoples who dwell securely within the circle of the British Empire, and whose welfare and contentment were the main object of King Edward's life.

"I humbly join in the prayer which you offer to Almighty God that He in His great mercy may give Me strength to follow in the footsteps of My Father and that I may be enabled to continue his efforts to consolidate the foundation of Peace among the Powers of the world and to promote the spirit of good will among all classes of My subjects here at home."

*Whitehall, June 13, 1910.*

The following Address was presented to His Majesty at St. James's Palace, on the 9th instant:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of London for Promoting Natural Knowledge.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of London for Promoting Natural Knowledge, humbly beg leave to offer our most heartfelt sympathy with Your Majesty in the great and sudden sorrow which has befallen You in the death of Your universally beloved and revered Father, our late Sovereign, King Edward VII.

Your Majesty's loss is mourned by the whole Empire and by the wide world beyond. We desire to express not only our keen share in the universal grief, but our sense of personal bereavement; for we are proud to remember that no less than forty-seven years ago The King was graciously pleased to enter the Fellowship of the Royal Society, and later, on His accession to the Throne, to become our Patron. In the cultivation of the arts of peace wherein His Majesty was so active and so successful, He recognised that among these arts the development of Science holds a high place, and that the promotion of Natural Knowledge, for which the Royal Society was founded by one of His Royal Ancestors, was an object ever worthy of His fostering care. We mourn that a life so beneficent should have closed so soon.

While thus seeking to express our profound sorrow, we ask leave, Sire, at the same time to lay at Your Majesty's feet our unfeigned and cordial congratulations upon Your accession to the Throne of Your Ancestors. Your Majesty enters upon the duties of Your high station with a wider personal knowledge of the Empire and its various peoples than was ever possessed by any previous Sovereign of this country. Your subjects have had many proofs that this extended knowledge has been accompanied by an active sympathy with every cause and movement that will promote their welfare and happiness. The interest which Your Majesty has shown in the progress of discovery and invention