

personal loss than in the ancient and glorious University of Oxford, towards which He always bore a true affection, cherished in His heart from the days of His youth.

"It consoles Me in My grief to know that King Edward's labours as Ruler of this Empire and Peacemaker amongst Nations meet with so full a measure of your appreciation and gratitude.

"Your assurances of enduring loyalty and loving confidence strengthen Me in the duties and responsibilities to which I have succeeded, and I thank you for your wishes that My reign may be long and prosperous. It is My desire to follow the example of My Father and of Queen Victoria in sustaining and in fortifying those seats of learning on whose prosperity and influence the character and repute of our civilization largely depend. Among them the University of Oxford, with its world-famous traditions of steadfastness and loyalty will ever hold an honoured place."

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, humbly approach Your Royal Throne to express the sympathy which, in common with all the people of Your dominions, we feel towards Your Majesty in the bereavement which has befallen You. We have been graciously permitted to know that the ties which bound Your Majesty to Your Royal Father were more than ordinarily close, and while this knowledge gives Your subjects reason for deep thankfulness, it also enables them in some degree to measure the greatness of Your personal loss.

His Majesty King Edward VII will live in the grateful memory of this country and of mankind as one Who promoted the cause of peace and of mutual goodwill with unwearied patience and with marked success. He was beloved wherever He went for His unaffected charm of manner and for His thoughtful kindness. No man was ever more sensitive to the feelings of others, or more skilful in adapting His action and His words to the occasion. It was impossible to doubt His singleness of mind, or to suspect Him of any desire or motive which He could not avow. Such qualities as these made Him in international matters the best of diplomatists. We believe it to be true to say that no man possessed to the same extent the confidence of mankind. Whether in foreign or in domestic affairs, whenever it was believed that the King had taken a question in hand, men felt sure that it would be brought to a right issue, if insight and sagacity and benevolence could effect anything. His care for the welfare of His subjects, especially of the unfortunate, the sick, the suffering, the ill housed, the ill paid, endeared Him to all classes of the people. At the same time they were glad to feel that He could find pleasure in the things which gave them pleasure.

Besides the grief which we share with Your Majesty's subjects in general, our University

has peculiar cause to deplore the death of the late King. We remember with pride that King Edward VII was a Cambridge man. He visited Cambridge frequently. To the end of His life He continued to show us marks of His special favour. One of His latest acts was to renew to the University the loan of some of the most precious treasures of art contained in Your Majesty's historic Castle of Windsor.

While we venture thus to express our sense of loss, we beg Your Majesty graciously to accept the assurance of our loyal rejoicing at Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne. Your Majesty has already long filled a great place in the observation of those who are now Your subjects, and they have learned by experience to expect of You an unstinted devotion to the duties of Your exalted position, such as was shown by Your Majesty's revered Grandmother and by our late gracious Sovereign. We pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over us in happiness and peace, and that the blessing of Almighty God may rest abundantly upon You and upon Your august Consort both in public and in private life, and upon Your Royal Children, that they may be the inheritors of Your high principles as well as of Your great station.

May 21, 1910.

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

"I am grateful for the loyal and dutiful Address of Condolence from the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge which you have presented to Me, and I desire to assure you that your expressions of sympathy are of consolation to Me in the sorrow which has fallen upon Me and My House. The grief that I feel for the loss of My beloved Father is mitigated by the thought that others feel with Me. I am moved by the appreciation which you show for My Father's character and for the aims by which His life was influenced. His wish was ever to do His duty and to guard and maintain the highest interests of His people.

"I thank you for your congratulations on My Accession to the Throne, and for your good wishes for the Queen and Myself. It is My resolve, by the help of Almighty God, to continue the work in which My Father laboured, and to tread His path. Your famous University may count upon My sincere good will: and, like King Edward, I shall watch its progress and expansion with lively interest. I am convinced that you will not fail in the responsibilities with which you are charged, and that zeal for truth, love of learning, and a high ideal of character and conduct will ever be cherished and fostered in your midst. I pray that the blessing of God may attend your labours."

GENERAL BODY OF PROTESTANT DISSENTING
MINISTERS OF THE THREE DENOMINATIONS
(PRESBYTERIAN, INDEPENDENT AND BAPTIST).

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the General Body of Protestant Dissenting Ministers of the