

Three Denominations, together with the "Dissenting Deputies" representing also the Presbyterian, Independent and Baptist congregations, in and about the cities of London and Westminster, approach Your Royal Presence to offer our congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and to express our unabated loyalty to Your ancient and illustrious House.

We share the sorrow which the death of Your Majesty's beloved Father has brought to all classes of Your Majesty's subjects. We realise that in Him our Empire had a Monarch who was the Friend of all. His thoughtful kindness, great liberality of feeling and largeness of heart, filled us with deep and personal affection for Him. We recognise that His unceasing labours on behalf of the peace of the world and the brotherhood of nations, have, in God's Providence, brought about a completer unity of the Great Powers.

We recall with gratitude the words of His late Majesty, in response to an address from our Body nine years ago, when He stated, "It will ever be My desire to preserve to all My subjects liberty of conscience and equal justice." We do not doubt that Your Majesty will manifest the same large-mindedness.

We desire to assure Your Majesty of our earnest and continuous prayers for Your Majesty's support and guidance in the discharge of the many and difficult duties inseparable from Your august office. We pray that God may richly endow Your Majesty with Heavenly wisdom and grace; and that, for many years, You may have much felicity in reigning over a united and prosperous people. We trust that the spirit of peace and goodwill may increasingly prevail within Your Majesty's Dominions and among all the nations of the world: and that, through You, God may bestow manifold blessings upon our world-wide Empire.

It is our earnest prayer that to Your Majesty's much-loved Consort, Queen Mary, there may also be granted a long life of ever-increasing happiness: and that, by Her many gracious ministries of beneficence, the Palace and the Cottage may continually advance in mutual sympathy and affection.

Finally, we pray that when this life, with its joys and sorrows, has passed, there may be granted to Your Majesty and our beloved Queen, the fulness of Heavenly bliss, through the infinite mercy of our adorable Redeemer.

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

"In behalf of the Queen and Myself, I thank you most cordially for your loyal and dutiful Address on the death of My beloved Father. I am deeply touched by your affectionate appreciation of His character, and by your recognition of His sincere desire to promote

the happiness of His subjects and to preserve peace amongst the Nations. Adopting as My own His words which you have quoted, I assure you that it will ever be My desire to preserve to all My subjects liberty of conscience and equal justice. It is My earnest prayer that in this and other ways I may, with God's help, follow in King Edward's footsteps, and that, as the years pass, My People may prosper in wealth and happiness, that they may be confirmed in their love of freedom and justice, in strength of character, and in devotion to those exalted moral and spiritual conceptions which are set before them in the teaching of your Churches.

"I join with the Queen in thanking you for the good wishes you express, and for the prayers you offer on Our behalf."

PROTESTANT DISSENTING MINISTERS OF PRESBYTERIAN DENOMINATION IN AND ABOUT THE CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTMINSTER.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Body of English Presbyterian Ministers in and about the cities of London and Westminster, in the exercise of an ancient and much cherished privilege, desire respectfully to approach Your Majesty with the assurance of our deepest sympathy in the grief caused by the sudden death of Your Majesty's beloved Father, our late Sovereign, King Edward the Seventh.

Your sorrow is shared not only by every order and class throughout the kingdom, but, as has been so impressively manifested, by the whole civilized world. The same sympathy, which our departed Sovereign so conspicuously and so constantly displayed in the troubles of His people, now flows back to Your Majesty and every Member of the Royal House in this season of bereavement. We earnestly pray that amid the shadows of sorrow in Your home the Light which not of earth is born may give comfort and peace.

The sense of loss so widely felt is a measure of the blessings we enjoyed during the reign of His late Majesty. We recall with sincere gratitude the noble way in which He fulfilled the determination expressed to His first Council "to be a constitutional Sovereign in the strictest sense of the word, and as long as there is breath in My body to work for the good and amelioration of My people." Each year, as it has passed, has witnessed the devotion and success with which this truly Royal aim has been pursued. We are especially thankful that in such rich measure He won the blessing pronounced on the Peacemakers, and we rejoice to believe that through the influence He exercised and the confidence felt in His high character the cause of good-will among the nations has been advanced.

We desire to assure Your Majesty of our loyal and earnest wishes on Your Accession to the Throne, and we look forward with great hope under Your Majesty's sway to the continued progress of the Empire in all that makes for the true greatness of nations. Already Your Majesty and Your gracious Consort, Queen Mary, are