

the nation, and that thus opportunity may be given not only for the continuance under National auspices of the Schools of Practical Engineering, of Arts, of Languages, of Music, and of Training for Colonial Life, but also for the preservation for ever of the beautiful grounds for the use and enjoyment of Your Majesties' loving subjects, so that the whole may be a lasting and fitting tribute to Your Majesty's—we all hope and pray—long and illustrious Reign, and also to the Reigns of Their Majesties Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, and may become a Colonial Palace in token of a Consolidated and Loyal Empire.

We humbly desire to thank Your Majesty for encouraging by Your Gracious Presence this effort to develop friendly intercourse and co-operation between the Mother Country and the Dominions Beyond the Seas.

And we will ever humbly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to rule over a Nation and Empire united by the strongest ties of loyalty and devotion to Your Sacred Person, Your Throne and Your Royal House.

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

The Queen and I are much gratified by this dutiful Address. We are very glad to visit your Borough and receive so warm an assurance of the loyalty and devotion of its inhabitants.

Camberwell is rich, as you remind Us, in places and memories of historic, literary, and artistic interest. In the Crystal Palace you have close at hand the monument of that first great National Exhibition which owed its inspiration and its success to the personal efforts of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; and with Their example before Us We rejoice to be able to encourage by Our presence to-day the Festival of Empire and the Pageant of London which are designed to further the Imperial and National interests They had at heart.

PENGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King George and Queen Mary.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Chairman and Members of the Penge Urban District Council, on behalf of the inhabitants of the District, beg respectfully to welcome Your Majesties and to offer the assurance of our devotion and loyalty to Your Majesties and Your Royal House.

Your Majesties' visit to open the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace affords the inhabitants of this District, in which the Palace is situated, the first opportunity since the District was constituted in the year 1900 of presenting a loyal address to their Sovereign.

The building originally erected for the Great Exhibition of 1851 forms the Crystal Palace of to-day, for the building was re-erected here, and opened in 1854 by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria of gracious memory and the late Prince Consort.

That Exhibition, in which Her late Majesty and His Royal Highness took so cordial an interest, was designed to inaugurate a new era of greater amity amongst nations; and our admiration for the high services rendered by our late illustrious and lamented Sovereign King Edward VII to the sacred cause of peace and goodwill among men encourages us to hope that the Crystal Palace may continue to be both a memorial of work done in the cause of peace and a perpetual testimony to the concord and prosperity of Your Majesty's Dominions beyond the seas.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesties may long be spared to rule over this great Empire and to shed fresh lustre upon a Throne established in the hearts of a loyal and contented people.

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

I thank you heartily on behalf of the Queen and Myself for your loyal and dutiful Address.

It is a great pleasure to Us to be welcomed to-day by the representatives of the district in which the Crystal Palace is situated. We hope that every success will crown the labours of those who in promoting this Festival of Empire have striven to serve the cause of Imperial unity and to awaken interest in the historic past of Our great Mother City.

The inhabitants of Penge will, I am sure, give the Festival their generous support so that it may worthily uphold the traditions of the Great Exhibition of sixty years ago.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace, S.W.,*

May 16, 1911.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders:—

Thomas Brock, Esq., R.A.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, May 16, 1911.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following appointment to the Royal Victorian Order:

To be Commander.

Sir Aston Webb, C.B., R.A.