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Whitehall, May 19, 1928.

The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the reception by His Majesty of the Delegates of the Harvey Tercentenary Celebrations at Buckingham Palace on the 14th May, 1928:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.
May it please Your Majesty:—

By Your Majesty's gracious invitation we are gathered here to-day to celebrate the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the first publication of William Harvey's famous book, the so-called *De Motu Cordis*, in which he announced to the whole world the discovery already made known by him to his own medical colleagues in his lectures before the Royal College of Physicians. This book Harvey dedicated to His Majesty King Charles the First.

Harvey's demonstration that the same blood must flow unceasingly round and round the body, visiting its remotest parts, swept away the visionary speculations of his predecessors and paved the way for a scientific explanation of the purpose of the Circulation of the Blood. Thus it is that the publication of the *De Motu Cordis* has been rightly acclaimed as the Birthday of Physiology and of Scientific Medicine.

Science knows no boundaries of race or nation, and obedient to this doctrine Representatives of Medical Science from many lands have joined with Representatives of the Universities and Scientific Societies of this Kingdom and of the Dominions of Your

Empire Overseas to pay homage to the memory of this great English Man of Science.

Your Majesty, in identifying yourself with this Commemoration of Harvey's work, is but treading in the footsteps of Your Royal Ancestors. King James the First and King Charles the First both set a true value on Harvey and made him their own Physician, and the latter supplied him with the bodies of deer from the royal herds for his anatomical studies. Harvey constantly brought to King Charles natural curiosities for his inspection, and exhibited to him much of his experimental work. Together also they shared the rare experience of watching the beating heart in a human subject through a defect in the chest-wall produced by disease.

In the Civil War, too, Harvey stood by his Royal Master and was present at Edgehill, in charge of the young Princes Charles and James, and afterwards at Oxford, where by Royal Mandate Harvey was appointed Warden of Merton College.

As President of the Royal College of Physicians of London, on whose roll of Fellows Harvey stands out as its brightest ornament, I have the honour to express to Your Majesty the dutiful thanks of every member of this Delegation for the honour of this Reception, by which Your Majesty to-day participates in the Celebration for which we are all assembled in the Capital of Your Empire.

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

I thank you sincerely for your Address. It is a great pleasure to me to join with my