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Whitehall, February 18, 1901.

THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at St. James's Palace on the 13th instant :—

To the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.
May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of giving expression to Our feelings of the deepest regret on the lamented demise of Our late Most Beloved and Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, Empress of India, Whose long and illustrious Reign will ever remain an imperishable memory both in the history of Our country and in the hearts of Her people.

The accession to the Throne of Your Majesty, the eldest son of our late revered Sovereign, fills us with hope and confidence that the Institutions of our Empire will be upheld and maintained in all their integrity by Your Majesty, and we earnestly pray that, in the performance of Your Majesty's exalted duties, the blessing of the Almighty may be abundantly bestowed upon Your Majesty, and upon Your Amiable and Illustrious Consort, Queen Alexandra, and that Your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous, and in every way conduce to the continued happiness of a free, contented, and united people.

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 loyal and dutiful subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, approach the Throne with feelings of the most devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, and with deep and respectful sympathy, to express our heartfelt grief and sincere condolence with Your Majesty, in the death of Her late Most Gracious Majesty, our beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria, Whose many virtues and lofty patriotism caused Her Majesty to be venerated by Her subjects throughout a Reign unexampled in length, and distinguished beyond all others for National progress and prosperity.

While we bow with humble submission to the will of Divine Providence, we hail with heartfelt gratification Your Majesty's auspicious Accession

to the Throne of Your Ancestors, and have received with the liveliest satisfaction the expression of Your Majesty's gracious intentions as set out in Your Majesty's Royal Address to Your Privy Council. In the fullest trust that Your Majesty will, in the arduous duties of Your exalted rank, be loyally supported both by Parliament and the Nation, we earnestly pray that Your Majesty's life, together with that of Her Gracious and Illustrious Majesty Queen Alexandra, so sincerely beloved by Your Majesty's attached Subjects, may be long spared to crown and realise the confident anticipations of a free, a devoted, and united Empire.

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

"I AM much gratified by your loyal and dutiful Addresses, and the zeal and affection which they testify for My Throne and Person.

"It is a great consolation to Me in My grief to know of the wide and heartfelt sympathy to which you give expression: and, with you, I shall ever cherish the recollection of the memorable Reign of My beloved Mother in Our annals, alike for the progress of the people in prosperity and refinement, and for their ever widening and deepening attachment to Our Government and Institutions.

"The ancient City of London, illustrious alike in its history and by the efforts of its enterprising citizens, has ever been foremost in responding to the call of duty and devotion to the interests of the Empire, and I feel certain that its future will not belie its glorious past.

"I humbly join in your prayer that the Blessing of Almighty God may be continued to Myself and My Consort; and I confidently hope that the efforts which I shall make to fulfil the expectations of My happy and Loyal People will, under the Divine Guidance, promote the welfare of My Empire and the prosperity of all classes of My Subjects."

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To the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.
The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Council of the Administrative County of London.