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Whitehall, February 26, 1901.

THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at Marlborough House on the 23rd instant :—

To His Most Excellent Majesty King Edward VII.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, desire to approach Your Majesty in this moment of national mourning with the respectful assurance of our profound sympathy with Your poignant sorrow at the death of Your august Mother, our beloved Queen. The history of the world records no such universal expression of loyalty, reverence, and love, spontaneously evoked by a pure and noble life, which has taught every subject of Queen Victoria in Great Britain, and in that vast Empire which owned Her sway, to recognize and admire Her wisdom and patriotism as Monarch ; Her tenderness and devotion as Mother of Her people. Nor is there any nation in the world that has failed to bear generous witness to Her public and private virtues. Her beneficent reign—the longest and the best in English annals—will be enshrined among Her people's most cherished memories ; and its abiding influence will be the loftiest inspiration for Her successors. The death of this great Lady has touched every heart with so deep a sense of personal bereavement that we are emboldened to claim a share in that burden of sorrow which has fallen with overwhelming weight upon Your Majesty ; and we dare to hope that the universal sympathy of Your faithful subjects may bring some comfort to You in Your affliction.

But, Sire, this ancient University has another and happier duty to perform, and that is to hail with joy and confidence the accession to the Throne of a King whose chosen title recalls a glorious past, and whose youth and manhood have been associated with those great and worthy parents to whose noble example Your Majesty has already made such touching reference. And we are assured, Sire, that You will deign to recall the close connexion between Yourself and this loyal University, the happy years that You spent among us as a student, the loving welcome with which Oxford greeted You and Your Bride, who will command from us as Your gracious Queen the same chivalrous devotion that attached to Her as Princess of Wales. We tender to You to-day, Sire, Our hearty greeting as Our King ;

and Our earnest prayer is that Almighty God will grant Your Majesty a long and happy reign in prosperity and peace ; that Your Throne may stand fast in the love of Your people ; and that every blessing may rest upon Yourself and Your Royal House.

Given in our House of Convocation, under Our Common Seal, this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1901.

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

“ I AM pleased to receive the dutiful Address which you present to Me in accordance with the ancient privilege merited by your traditional loyalty.

“ The expression of your sympathy with My grief, and your appreciation of the many virtues, private and public, of My beloved Mother, and of the beneficence of Her long and glorious reign, touch Me deeply, and excite My warmest gratitude.

“ Your reference to the time I spent at your University as a student recalls to My mind a period of My life which I shall ever look back upon with great pleasure and satisfaction, and I cannot forget the hearty welcome accorded in your famous city to Queen Alexandra and Myself when We were present at Commemoration in the early days of Our married life.

“ I highly value the assurance of your affectionate loyalty to Our Throne and Person, and join fervently in your aspirations that My reign may be happy, peaceful, and blessed by the growing prosperity of My people.

“ It will be My constant desire and endeavour to uphold and promote the well-being of those institutions in the country which have conferred, as your ancient University has done, great and lasting benefits—educational, social, and religious—upon mankind.”

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To the KING'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the