

Whitehall, May 4, 1901.

THE following Address was presented to His Majesty at Saint James's Palace on the 3rd instant:—

To the KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church in England, assembled in Annual Synod, would approach Your Majesty with profound respect and the assurance of our deep and heartfelt condolence on the loss with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit Your Majesty and Your Royal House by the death of our late lamented and beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria.

In common with all classes of our fellow subjects, we cherish with affectionate reverence the memory of Her late Majesty's virtues, and bless God for the benefits which, through Her long and prosperous Reign, He was pleased to bestow upon the Empire over which She ruled, by Her devotion to the duties of Her exalted office, by Her blameless life and noble Christian character, and by the thoughtful sympathy and solicitude which She ever showed for the humblest of Her people in hours of calamity or distress.

We have hailed with joy the peaceful accession of Your Majesty to the Sovereignty of these Realms, and venture humbly to assure Your Majesty of our loyal attachment to Your Majesty's Person, and the Throne which by Divine Providence You have been called to fill. We recall the unflinching loyalty of the Church to which we belong to Your Majesty's Predecessors and to the Constitution, and will continue to inculcate on the members of our Church the duty of honouring the King. Nor shall we fail to present our humble and constant prayer to Him by Whom Kings reign, that it may please Him long to preserve Your Majesty's life, to succour with divine assistance and protection Your Majesty's efforts for the welfare of the Empire, and to bless Your Majesty, Your Royal Consort, and all the Members of Your Royal House, with the choicest blessings of His heavenly grace.

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most humble and most devoted subjects, in name and by authority of the Synod,

*James Christie, B.A., Moderator.*

*W. M. Macphail, M.A., Clerk.*

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

"I AM much gratified by the sentiments of loyalty and devotion to My Throne and Person which have been expressed in the dutiful address presented to Me by the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of England.

"I thank you for your sympathetic allusion to the loss which My Family and Myself, together with the whole Empire, have sustained through the death of My Beloved Mother, and for your appreciative and affectionate references to Her character.

"It affords Me great satisfaction that all classes and denominations of My people are at one in revering Her Memory, and in offering to Me and Queen Alexandra and to the members of Our Family good wishes on My accession to the Throne.

"It will always be My endeavour to foster in the nation the spirit of unity, and maintain the blessings of religious liberty among all My subjects."

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*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews, on behalf of the Congregations we represent, and we, the Anglo-Jewish Association, respectfully tender to Your Majesty and to the Members of the Royal Family the profound sympathy of the Jews of the United Kingdom at the sad and irreparable loss sustained by the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

The glorious reign of Her late Majesty, Her solicitude for the welfare of Her people, and the noble life She had led, endeared Her to all Her subjects. The Jews of the United Kingdom will ever gratefully bear in memory that it was during Her Majesty's reign they were placed on a footing of complete equality with Her subjects of all other denominations.

We earnestly hope that the sorrow everywhere entertained by reason of Her Majesty's death may serve to assuage, in some degree, the grief of Your Majesty, and of the several Members of the Royal Family.

In offering to your Majesty our respectful congratulations on Your accession to the Throne, we beg to assure You of the continued devotion and loyalty of the Jews of the United Kingdom, and to express their earnest hope that Your Majesty, together with Your illustrious Queen Consort, may long live to enjoy the affection of a happy and united people.

*Joseph Sebag Montefiore,*

President of the London Committee of Deputies of the British Jews.

*Claude G. Montefiore,*

President of the Anglo-Jewish Association.

London, 1901.

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

"I HAVE received with much pleasure Your loyal and dutiful address, expressing the affection of the Jews of Great Britain for the memory of My Beloved Mother and their sympathy with Me and the Members of My Family in the loss which We have sustained by Her death.

It will always be My care to maintain and promote the extension of equal liberty and justice to all races and denominations among My subjects, and I am gratified by the good wishes which have been conveyed by You to Queen Alexandra and Myself on behalf of the public-spirited and philanthropic bodies which you represent."

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*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the President, Past Presidents, and Council of the Coroners' Society, on behalf of the Coroners of England and Wales, beg most respectfully in approaching Your Majesty to offer our expression of deep sympathy with the great sorrow fallen on Your Majesty and the British Empire by the death of Your August Mother, our late beloved and honoured Queen and Empress, whose virtues will ever live in the hearts and memories of Her loyal and faithful subjects.