

We desire to ask Your Majesty to accept our respectful and unfeigned congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Crown, and to assure You of our sincere and devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

As elected successors in the ancient office of Coroner, originated in the time of Your Majesty's Saxon ancestors, it is our duty to investigate the causes of death amongst certain of Your Majesty's subjects, and we observe with satisfaction that during the reign of Her late Majesty many beneficial reforms for the protection and prolongation of life were effected. These reforms, aided by more diligent and complete investigations into the causes of death, have been the means of safeguarding and preserving life.

Your Majesty may rest assured that we, who are called upon to represent and to act on behalf of the Crown, will faithfully discharge our duties and serve Your Majesty by the doing of right and for the safety and well-being of Your subjects.

As our King, Lord, and Master, we express the hope that every blessing may rest upon Your Royal Person, the Queen, Your Royal Consort, and all the other Members of the Royal Family.

It is our earnest wish that Your Majesty may long enjoy a peaceful and prosperous reign and the devoted loyalty and affection of a dutiful and attached people.

Signed on behalf of the Coroners' Society of England and Wales.

*Sidney Hacker*, President, Coroner for Devonshire.

*Sam. F. Langham*, Past President, Coroner for City of London, &c.

*Geo. Fred. Roumieu*, Past President, Coroner for Surrey, J.P.

*Jno. C. Malcolm*, Past President, Coroner for City of Leeds.

*Geo. Danford Thomas*, M.D., Past President, Coroner for London and Middlesex.

*Henry J. Robinson*, Vice-President, Coroner for Lancashire.

*Henry White*, Vice-President, Coroner for Winchester and Hampshire.

*A. J. Morton Ball*, Coroner for Gloucestershire.

*Geo. Vere Benson*, Coroner for Sussex.

*Isaac Bradley*, Coroner for City of Birmingham.

*Thos. H. Bramsdon*, Coroner for County Borough of Portsmouth.

*Richd. Bromley*, Coroner for Flintshire.

*Saml. F. Butcher*, Coroner for Lancashire.

*E. Arundel Carttar*, Coroner for London and Kent.

*C. W. Chaston*, J.P., Coroner for Suffolk.

*Theo. Christophers*, Coroner for Warwickshire.

*C. Luzmoore Drew*, Coroner for London.

*Thos. Soars Johnson*, M.D., Coroner for City of Canterbury.

*Fred. N. Molesworth*, Coroner for Lancashire.

*W. G. Penman*, Coroner for Gravesend.

*Chas. L. Rothera*, Coroner for Nottingham.

*Thos. Edwd. Sampson*, Coroner for Liverpool.

*Walter Schröder*, Deputy Coroner for London and Middlesex.

*Sidney Smelt*, Coroner for City of Manchester.

*J. Troutbeck*, Coroner for City and Liberty of Westminster.

*W. Wynn Westcott*, M.D., Coroner for London.

*Geo. Percival Wyatt*, Coroner for London.

*Arthur C. Langham*, Hon. Treasurer, Deputy Coroner for City of London, &c.

*A. Braxton Hicks*, Hon. Secretary, Coroner for London and Surrey.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for your expressions of attachment to My Throne, and to My Consort and My Family.

"I appreciate the cordial sympathy which you express with Our own and the nation's grief at the loss of My Beloved Mother, and I am deeply gratified by your assurances of faithful service to the Crown in the ancient and honourable office which you hold."

Whitehall, May 4, 1901.

THE following Addresses were 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the most ancient and Royal City of Winchester, embrace with gratitude the permission afforded to approach Your Majesty, and to tender our dutiful homage on the occasion of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne of this Realm. We beg to assure Your Majesty that we share in the fullest degree the great sorrow which has fallen on Your Majesty and the Nation by the death of Our late beloved Queen Victoria of glorious memory.

The citizens have in happy recollection the occasion of Your Majesty's recent visit to Winchester to lay the foundation stone of the new barracks, and they look forward to the time when Your Majesty will be able to witness the completion of this important military work.

We esteem it a high honour that Your Majesty has graciously consented to become Patron of the National celebration of the 1000th anniversary of Your renowned ancestor King Alfred the Great, the statue to whom is shortly to be erected in Winchester.

We desire to be permitted to express our deep loyalty and devotion to Your Royal Person and Throne, and our earnest hope that Your Majesty with Her Majesty Queen Alexandra may long be spared to reign over a happy, prosperous, and contented people.

Given under our Common Seal this 26th day of April, 1901.

*Alfred Bowker*, Mayor.

*Walter Bailey*, Town Clerk.

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

"I HAVE received with deep gratification the sympathetic and loyal Address which has been presented to Me by the Corporation of the ancient and famous City of Winchester, whose representatives I am glad to welcome here to-day.

"I thank you heartily for your touching allusions to the severe loss which has fallen upon Me and My Family, and upon all the people of this Empire, and I cordially reciprocate the hope that in the discharge of the weighty duties which devolve upon Me, I may be enabled to follow in the footsteps of My Beloved Mother, and thus provide the best security for the continuance of the