

Your Majesty with a humble assurance of our devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

We desire to express to Your Majesty and to our Gracious Queen our sincere sympathy in the bereavement which has fallen upon Your Royal House through the death of His Majesty the King of Denmark.

We thank God that Your Majesty's own health has been mercifully restored, since the grave illness which filled the Empire with such deep anxiety at the time of Your Majesty's Coronation. We earnestly pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to carry on those unceasing labours which are now so universally recognised throughout the world, for the welfare of all peoples in Your Majesty's Dominions and for the maintenance of International Peace.

It is our privilege to approach Your Majesty more especially on behalf of the National Church. We earnestly commend to Your Majesty's gracious care and favour the work of that Church in her efforts for the religious, moral and social elevation of the people, in her ministrations throughout the land to all sorts and conditions of men, in her furtherance of National Education, and in her Missionary labours, both in Your Majesty's Colonies and Dependencies, and in other far off lands.

And we earnestly trust that all measures which will enable the Church of England more effectively to discharge the sacred task entrusted to her—and herein especially the preservation of true Religion in our Schools, the Reform of the Church's Representative Bodies, and the lightening of some of the burdens now weighing heavily upon the reduced incomes of many of the benefited Clergy—may receive Your Majesty's most gracious consideration.

We humbly offer ourselves to Your Majesty for loyal co-operation in the furtherance of the highest interests of the people, which we know Your Majesty has so much at heart. And we devoutly pray that the blessing of Almighty God may ever abundantly rest upon Your Majesty's Throne and Realm.

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

"I thank you very heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for your sympathy in the bereavement which has fallen upon The Queen, Myself, and My Family, through the lamented death of My Father-in-law, the King of Denmark.

"I share your feeling of thankfulness to God for His mercy in restoring Me to health from the grave illness which delayed My Coronation, and I thank you for the kind expression of your affectionate interest in My welfare. My strength and My constant attention shall ever be devoted to the great causes of My subjects' well-being and of international peace.

"It is a source of the greatest happiness to Me to witness the efforts now being made by the Clergy, both at home and abroad, to further our holy religion and to spread the Church of Christ; and I feel assured that the Divine Blessing will rest on your earnest endeavours to minister to the necessitous, to reclaim and reform those who have fallen into vice, and to instruct the ignorant.

"In these efforts, as well as in the reforms which are being made and are in contemplation for the increased efficiency of the Church and its representative bodies, I feel sure that you will

be upheld and assisted by the co-operation and sympathy of a faithful laity.

"You may be well assured that in all that concerns the welfare of Our National Church, you will have My earnest sympathy and My constant prayers; and I trust that the burden caused by the present agricultural depression, which weighs so heavily upon many of the Clergy in My Kingdom, may be lightened.

"I thank you for your prayers on My behalf, and I trust that the Almighty will abundantly bless your continued efforts to promote true Christianity and morality."

*Duchy of Lancaster Office,*

*February 27, 1906.*

The KING has been this day pleased to appoint Edward Tootal-Broadhurst, of 56, Oxford-street, Manchester, Esquire, to be Sheriff of the County Palatine of Lancaster for the year ensuing.

*War Office, March 2nd, 1906.*

The KING has been pleased to issue a new Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London constituting and appointing the several persons undermentioned to be His Majesty's Lieutenants within the said City as follows, viz.:—

Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Pound, Baronet, Lord Mayor of our City of London, and the Lord Mayor of our said City for the time being; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Whittaker Ellis, Baronet, Sir Henry Edmund Knight, Knight, Sir Joseph Savory, Baronet, Sir David Evans, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Sir Joseph Renals, Baronet, Sir Walter Henry Wilkin, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Sir George Faudel Faudel-Phillips, Baronet, Knight Grand Commander of our Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Colonel Sir Horatio David Davies, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Sir Alfred James Newton, Sir Marcus Samuel, Sir James Thomson Ritchie, Baronets, Aldermen of our City of London; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Forrest Fulton, Knight, one of our Counsel learned in the law, Recorder of our City of London, and the Recorder of our said City for the time being; Our trusty and well-beloved Walter Vaughan Morgan, Esquire, Sir William Purdie Treloar, Sir John Charles Bell, Sir George Wyatt Truscott, Knights, Frederick Prat Alliston, Esquire, Sir John Knill, Baronet, Sir Thomas Vezey Strong, Knight, Henry George Smallman, Thomas Boor Crosby, Howard Carlile Morris, David Burnett, William Charles Simmons, Walter Murray Guthrie, Francis Stanhope Hanson, Esquires, Aldermen of our City of London, and the Aldermen of our said City for the time being; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir Joseph Cockfield Dimsdale, Baronet, Knight Commander of our Royal Victorian Order, Chamberlain of our City of London, and the