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The following Address was presented to The King on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to the Franco-British Exhibition, on Tuesday, the 26th May, in company with the President of the French Republic:—

To Their Most Gracious Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, Your Majesties' most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith, desire on behalf of the inhabitants of the Borough to express the very great pleasure with which we welcome Your Majesties, and to tender our hearty thanks to You for the honour You have been pleased to afford us in allowing us to greet Your Majesties personally on this occasion.

We are well aware of the warm welcome always given to Your Majesties by the French Nation, and we assure Your Majesties that we shall do all that lies in our power to make our neighbours from across the Channel as comfortable and as happy as possible during their visit.

We sincerely hope that the effect of the meeting of the representatives of the two Nations at the Exhibition will gratify Your Majesties, and we devoutly trust that, by the Grace of God, Your Majesties may long be spared to reign over us.

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

"I thank you in behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal Address of welcome which you have handed to Me.

"It is a great pleasure to Us to visit your Borough in company with Our distinguished guest, the French President.

"The enthusiastic reception which We have to-day met with conveys to Me an even deeper meaning than the many loyal welcomes which I

have received on other occasions, and which I ever regard as a public demonstration of the place I am very proud to hold in the affections of My people. It is to Me an expression of your satisfaction at the cordial relations which exist between Great Britain and France. Happily these two great Nations are each day drawing nearer to one another. At no time in history have the ties which unite us been more closely drawn; at no time has the friendship of one Nation for the other been more warmly fostered. This friendship will, I pray, endure. It has every element of endurance, for it is based on mutual esteem and a better understanding of national characteristics.

"Such Exhibitions as that now being held in our midst cannot fail to increase the mutual good feeling of the two Nations, and I am convinced that the honour paid to us by the visit to this country of the President of the French Republic is thoroughly appreciated throughout My Dominions."

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The following Address was presented to Their Majesties on the occasion of the opening by Her Majesty, on Saturday, the 4th July, of the new building of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses in Buckingham-street, Strand:—

On behalf of all the Nurses of Your Majesty's dominions I venture to thank Her Majesty Queen Alexandra for the honour she has done them in coming to open the Home of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, and You, Sir, for the honour You have done them by accompanying the Queen.

I hope this Home may not only prove a convenient one for the Nurses but a good source of revenue for the Fund.

The Pension Fund was established 21 years ago under Your Majesties' auspices, and owes