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TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1910.

*Scottish Office, Whitehall,  
23rd June, 1910.*

At St. James's Palace on the 22nd instant The King received on the Throne Deputations with Addresses from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Corporation of the City of Edinburgh, and the University of Edinburgh, as follows:—

*Church of Scotland.*

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

We, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland met in General Assembly, desire to be permitted, with all loyal respect, to tender to Your Majesty, to our gracious Queen, and to Your Royal Family, an expression of our deep sympathy with You in the great and unlooked-for loss by death of one so near and precious to You as our late beloved Sovereign of glorious memory, in intercourse with whom Your Majesty enjoyed, as we have learned from Your Majesty's own words, not only a father's love, but also the affectionate intimacy of a dear friend and adviser,—and whose reign, though short, had gained for Him, in unsurpassed degree, the affectionate trust of His people and the honour of the whole world.

The greatness of the two successive reigns of Your Royal Grandmother and Father, and the blessings which the nation owes to Their thoughtful care and Their devotion to the public good, make the beginning of a new reign momentous to the whole people, and we desire to assure Your Majesty that our eyes are turned toward You, with concern indeed, that a time of sore bereavement should also be one of greatly

increased responsibilities, but with thankful expectancy and hope for the future, because of the confidence we have in Your Majesty's high purpose, faith in God, trust in Your people, wide knowledge of them, and strong desire for the progress in all good of those over whom in the providence of God You have been called to reign.

Never before have the people of this country been so conscious of the blessing to them of a constitutional Sovereign, uniting in one loyalty and trust men of many conflicting opinions and interests,—men even of different races and regions of the world. Nor ever have our people been more aware of the delicacy, the difficulty, and the toilsomeness of the tasks to which Your Majesty is called as their Sovereign. We ask leave to assure Your Majesty of the loyal and devoted support which the ministers, elders, and members of the Church of Scotland will unanimously give You, and of the earnest prayers which we shall continually offer that Your Majesty may be sustained by an unfailing assurance that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has called You to a place than which there is none greater for its influence on the happiness of men and the history of the world, will constantly supply You with His own grace and guidance, that He will make You equal in body, mind, and spirit, to the successive duties which He lays upon You, that He will uphold You by the increasing trust and affection of Your people, and that He will bless You in the comfort of Your family life, especially in the presence by Your side of Her whom, in His great goodness, He has given to be Your helpmate. We are assured that in thus addressing Your