

of the world, while His memory will ever remain endeared to His people by His inspiring example of devotion to duty, and His ready sympathy with them in all their joys and sorrows.

It is our fervent prayer that the grief of Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort in this hour of Your affliction may be relieved by the mercy of Almighty God, and the loyal love and sympathy of Your people.

We humbly desire also to present our loyal congratulations upon your Accession to the Throne of this mighty Empire.

With these, our congratulations, is mingled a deep feeling of pride at the many conspicuous marks of favour which our ancient city has received at the hands of Your illustrious predecessors. We bear in grateful and proud remembrance also the associations of the visits of Your Majesty and Your Royal Consort to this city, and in particular the visit for the opening of the extension of the Royal Albert Memorial, erected to the memory of Your august Grandfather, the late Prince Consort.

We cherish as an inspiration the thought of the conspicuous services rendered of old by this city to Crown and country, and we take this occasion to assure Your Majesty of our continued loyalty to the Throne, and our devotion to Your Royal Person.

We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon Your Majesty, and that it may be reserved for You under His divine guidance to rule for many years over a peaceful and contented Empire.

Given at the Guildhall, in the City of Exeter, under our Common Seal, this

(L. S.)

seventh day of May, 1910.

H. H. WIPPELL, Mayor.

H. LLOYD PARRY, Town Clerk.

CITY OF CHESTER.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of the City of Chester, humbly approach the Throne, and beg to offer an expression of our deepest and most heartfelt sorrow on the death of our lamented and best beloved Sovereign, King Edward VII, the memory of Whose glorious and beneficent reign will long be cherished in the annals of our Empire. We feel that the vigorous and manly courage, and the lofty sense of duty which actuated Your illustrious Father will be a source of inspiration to Your Majesty in the new duties and responsibilities which have devolved upon Your Majesty.

We look with a sure and steadfast hope to the Accession of Your Majesty to the Throne of these realms as the earnest of the continuance of the harmony and unity which bind together this Empire and of the welding together in peace and concord of the nations of the world, and we are assured in this hope when we reflect that Your Majesty is already enthroned in the hearts of Your people at home and in the vast and distant dominions beyond the seas.

As citizens of the City of Chester, the seat of the Earldom You held for a number of years and which You have honoured with Your presence on several occasions, we feel we have

a special and peculiar interest in praying earnestly that the benediction of the Almighty may be abundantly bestowed upon Your Majesty and Your illustrious Consort, Queen Mary, the sorrow-stricken Queen Mother, and Your Royal Children, and that Your Majesty's reign may be long and prosperous, honourable and worthy, established and upheld by the cordial fidelity and devotion of an enlightened, contented and united people.

Given under the Corporate Seal of the City of Chester this 14th day of June, 1910.

(L. S.)

D. L. HEWITT, Mayor.

J. H. DICKSON, Town Clerk.

CITY OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull, in Council assembled.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City and County of Kingston-upon-Hull beg leave humbly to approach Your Majesty and dutifully tender our hearty and sincere congratulations on Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne of this ancient realm.

We desire to offer to Your Majesty the assurance of our loyal attachment and allegiance to Your Majesty's Person and Throne, being convinced that the reign of Your Majesty will be marked by a continuance of the many blessings which it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon the people of these realms and by the furtherance of measures for promoting the welfare, happiness and prosperity of Your Majesty's subjects in all parts of Your Majesty's dominions.

We pray that Almighty God may grant long life to Your Majesty and Your august Consort, Queen Mary, and that your Majesty may long reign in peace and happiness over a loyal and contented people.

Given under our Corporate Seal this second day of June, 1910.

(L. S.)

H. FELDMAN, Mayor.

E. LAVERACK, Town Clerk.

CITY OF LONDONDERRY.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the ancient and loyal City of Londonderry, most humbly and respectfully approach Your Majesty, and on behalf of ourselves and our fellow-citizens beg to tender our sincere congratulations on Your Succession to the Throne of this vast Empire and to the Crown of Your ancestors.

We feel that the sceptre committed to Your hands will be wielded ever for the true welfare of Your people, and that in Your Majesty they will find a worthy successor of our late beloved and lamented Monarch, King Edward the