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FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1918.

Whitehall, September 18, 1918.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty upon the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Their Majesties' Wedding Day:---

Address of the Women War Workers.

(Presented at Buckingham Palace on the 29th June.)

May it please Your Majesties our Sovereign King and Queen.

It is with feelings of profound loyalty and devotion that we avail ourselves of this opportunity of placing before Your Majesties a record of our respect and homage on this the occasion of Your Majesties' Silver Wedding.

For four anxious years it has been our dearest wish and earnest endeavour to devote ourselves mind and body to the service of our King, and to strive humbly, so far as in us lies, to assist our country and our allies in the conflict against our common foe. May we most humbly assure Your Majesties that our united efforts will in no whit be relaxed until once again the blessings of an honourable peace are spread throughout the land, and all our zeal and strength will be devoted to the attainment of that end.

It is our dearest hope that on the next anniversary of this day the dark cloud of war may be dispersed and we can earnestly pray that in the years succeeding we may share with Your Majesties the return of peaceful happiness and prosperity to our beloved country. It is with the deepest sense of gratification that we are permitted to come here before Your Majesties to express our homage and loyalty.

We have the honour to submit ourselves Your Majesties' most devoted subjects.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious answer: ---

The Queen and I heartily thank you for the Address to which We have listened with much interest and satisfaction. We are touched by the thought that the first expression of loyalty and devotion on the occasion of Our Silver Wedding should come from this representative Body of Women, who by their services have assisted the State in the full mobilization of its Man Power.

In Our visits to various centres We have had opportunities of seeing and appreciating