

Alexandra, and for myself, I desire to express our deep gratitude to all who have been associated in the initiation and carrying out of this most successful undertaking.

The years which have passed since King Edward came for the last time to his Scottish home at Holyrood have been pregnant with grave issues, and some of them overshadowed by trials and sorrows enough to daunt the bravest heart. But throughout Scotland has remained unwavering in her devotion to the ideals of sincerity, wisdom, kindness and courage which he inspired and exemplified.

My Father's life also remains to me as a constant inspiration; and I rejoice that I can count, as he did, upon the sympathetic and willing co-operation of my Scottish People in all that conduces to the advancement and general well-being of the nation.

The Queen and I are proud that this Memorial should have been erected in your beautiful City, which holds so high a place in the affections of our family, while such a special adornment will intensify those feelings of attachment and veneration with which we ever regard the Palace of Holyrood.

Scottish Office,
Whitehall, S.W. 1,
23rd October, 1922.

The following Address from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland was presented to The King on the occasion of the visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to Edinburgh on the 10th instant.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, convened in General Assembly, avail ourselves of the first meeting after the announcement of the betrothal and the subsequent marriage of Your Majesty's beloved daughter, the Princess Mary, to Viscount Lascelles, to offer to Your Majesty and to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen our cordial congratulations upon this happy event.

We recall with fervent gratitude Your Majesty's attachment to the Church of Scotland and Your constant and most helpful sympathy with every agency that seeks to promote the religious, social, and moral well-being of the nation.

We assure Your Majesty of the deep and loyal affection of the people of Scotland for Your Majesty's house.

It is our earnest prayer that the Grace of Almighty God may ever sustain Your Majesty and Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and that God's richest blessing may be with Your Majesty's home and family; and that Your Majesty may long be spared to rule over a free, loyal and devoted people.

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland convened in General Assembly.

The King's Gracious Reply was as follows:—

It is with great pleasure that the Queen and I receive the congratulations of the General

Assembly of the Church of Scotland upon the marriage of our dear daughter to Lord Lascelles. We are glad to have this opportunity of receiving in person your loyal and dutiful Address, and we thank you sincerely for your good wishes.

We have been deeply touched by the enthusiasm with which the Scottish people have acclaimed this happy event and by the sentiments of affection to our House to which your Address gives such eloquent expression. To us, as well as to our beloved daughter, the welfare of Scotland is very dear.

I appreciate your reference to my attachment to the Church of Scotland and to my sympathy with all who have at heart the spiritual advancement of the nation. It is my earnest prayer that the Blessing of God will continue to rest upon the labours of the Church.

Admiralty, 18th October, 1922.

Lieut.-Comdr. James L. L. Sloon placed on Retd. List. 10th Oct. 1922.

R.N.R.

Lieut. Gerald H. Chamberlain to be Lieut.-Comdr. 13th Oct. 1922.

Admiralty, 19th October, 1922.

Comdr. Harold G. Campbell, D.S.O., placed on Retired List at own request. 14th Oct. 1922.

Lieut.-Comr. Cromwell H. Varley, D.S.C., placed on Retired List. 12th Oct. 1922.

Patrick J. Maguire, Esq., M.B., to be Surgeon Lieut. 19th Oct. 1922.

Cd. Bosn. James C. Gundry granted rank of Lieut. on retirement. 19th Oct. 1922.

Payr. Sub-Lieuts. to be Payr. Lieuts.:—
Eric H. Harvey.

Ellis C. Crisp.

15th Oct. 1922.

R.N.R.

Lieut.-Comdr. Arthur P. Croxford, R.D. (Retd.), to be Comdr. (Retd.). 11th Sept. 1922.

Lieut. Rupert H. Walley to be Lieut.-Comdr. 1st Oct. 1922.

Admiralty, 20th October, 1922.

Paymr. Lieut. Richard H. Nicholson placed on Retd. List at own request. 20th Oct. 1922.

Act. Lieut. Philip L. Gunn to be Lieut. 22nd June 1921.

Lieut. Thomas G. Bennett placed on Retired List at own request. 28th Sept. 1922.

R.N.R.

Lieut.-Comr. Francis G. Spriddell, R.D., placed on Ret'd List. 1st Sept. 1922.

R.N.V.R.

Alan H. Wise (late tempy. Sub-Lieut.) to be Sub-Lieut. 4th Oct. 1922.