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## King Coward the Seventh.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY, We.

The President, Council, and Members of The Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

being Medical Men and Women in all parts of Your Majesty's Dominions, who are interested in and professionally responsible for the care and treatment of the Insane, respectfully tender to Your Majesty our dutiful sympathies and condolence in the great bereavement which Your Majesty, Your Illustrious Family, and the Empire at large have sustained by the death of Our Late Beloved Sovereign, Her Most Gracious Majesty

Queen Victoria,

whose pure exalted life and noble character so justly endeared her to her people. At all times she watched over their sorrows with tender solicitude, and we remember with gratitude that it was during her long and beneficent reign that the treatment of the mentally afflicted became firmly based upon those sympathetic, humane, and enlightened principles which have now obtained universal recognition and approval.

We humbly offer our congratulations to Your Majesty on ascending the Throne of this great Empire, and tender the assurance of our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty, whom we pray God to Guide and Preserve long to reign over us.

FLETCHER BEACH, President.
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At the General Meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association held at Claybury Asylum on the 14th February, 1901, before beginning the business

#### THE PRESIDENT

said it devolved upon him to make special reference to the great loss which the nation had sustained by the death of our most sovereign lady,

## HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

That calamity affected not only ourselves, but every subject in the Empire, and, indeed, the whole civilized world. Lord Lister only a few days ago said that the late Queen was one of the greatest supporters of their profession, and he, the President, had many times said that medical psychologists were among the most loyal and dutiful of her subjects. The Queen was not only the mother of her family, but also the mother of her people. She partook in every joy and in every sorrow which affected them. They all remembered when our soldiers returned from South Africa that the Queen was among the first to go and console them in their illnesses and injuries. During her Majesty's reign a humane system of managing the insane had become prevalent in her dominions, as elsewhere; and among all classes of her people the Queen's nurses were now engaged in aiding the sick.

As medical psychologists, it now devolved upon them to give expression to their sorrow, and to assure the King of their loyalty. With that view the Council had drawn up a resolution for submission to the meeting, which he would read and which would be suitably engrossed on vellum for transmission to His Majesty.

The Address, which is printed on the opposite page, was adopted in silence, all present standing while it was read.