

The Conference also passed the following resolution at its last meeting:—

“ On the termination of the meetings of the Imperial Conference, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and his colleagues of the United Kingdom delegation desire to express the pleasure which they have derived from the opportunity afforded them by the Coronation and the Conference to welcome in London the Prime Ministers of the Dominions and other representatives from overseas.

“ On their part, the Prime Ministers and representatives of the oversea Governments, desire to record their thanks to the Earl Baldwin of Bewdley and to Mr. Chamberlain for presiding over the business of the Conference, and their gratitude to them and their colleagues for the arrangements which have been made to make their stay in the United Kingdom a pleasant one.

“ The members of the Conference trust that the work which has been accomplished during the past few weeks may prove of lasting benefit to all the countries of the Commonwealth.”

The concluding statements are reproduced in Appendix III.

XXI. ADDRESS TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING, EMPEROR OF INDIA.

The following Address to His Majesty was moved by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom at the concluding plenary session of the Conference, was seconded by the Prime Minister of Canada, and was unanimously adopted. Mr. Chamberlain, as Chairman of the Conference, was asked to submit the Address to His Majesty:—

“ To His Majesty the King, Emperor of India.

“ We, the Prime Ministers and representatives of the Governments of the British Commonwealth of Nations, who during the last few weeks have been assembled together in Imperial Conference, desire at the conclusion of our labours to express once again on our own behalf and on behalf of the peoples we represent, our loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty.

“ We pray that under Divine Providence Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen may long continue to preside over the destinies of the nations of the British Commonwealth and that in that high task Your Majesties, whose Coronation it has been our privilege to attend, may ever find inspiration in the devotion and affection of your loyal subjects which was so strikingly manifested on that happy occasion.”

The following gracious message from His Majesty was received and read by the Chairman at the close of the proceedings:—

“ I sincerely thank the Prime Ministers and representatives of the Governments of the British Commonwealth of Nations for their address to me from the final session of the Imperial Conference. The Queen and I greatly appreciate the generous terms of their message and the good wishes to which it gives expression.

“ I earnestly trust that the happiness and prosperity of my peoples in all parts of the Commonwealth may be enhanced as the result of the deliberations of the Conference. For my part it has given me a very welcome opportunity, which has also been of the utmost value to me, of meeting my Ministers and other representatives of the Empire at the very outset of my reign.

“ The Queen and I wish the members of the Conference God-speed and a safe return to their homes. We hope that they will take back with them the same happy memories as we shall always retain of their visit to this country in our Coronation year.”
