

“ On their part, the Prime Ministers and representatives of the Dominions and India desire to express their thanks to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom for presiding over the business of the Conference, and their gratitude to him and his colleagues for the warmth of their welcome and the assistance which they have rendered in the organization of the work of the Conference.

“ The Conference has met at a time of great stress and difficulty, but its members trust that the work accomplished during the past few weeks may prove of lasting value to all the Nations of the British Commonwealth.”

At the concluding meeting the Prime Minister of Canada, in accordance with the resolution already adopted by the Conference (*see* Resolution II in Section XII on page 25), moved that the Economic Section of the Conference adjourn to Ottawa, to meet within the next twelve months at a date to be mutually agreed upon. This motion was put to the Conference and carried unanimously.

XXII. 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 meeting of the Conference, seconded by the Prime Minister of Canada, and was unanimously adopted. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, 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 have been assembled during the past few weeks, desire, at the conclusion of the Conference, again to present our respectful duty to Your Majesty.

“ We pray that under Divine Providence, Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen may long be given health and strength to preside over the destinies of all the nations of the Commonwealth, and that the assurance of the devotion and affection of your peoples may support you in this great task.”

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 the message which they have addressed to me at the close of the Imperial Conference of 1930, and I greatly appreciate their affectionate good wishes for the Queen and myself. It has been a pleasure to me during the session of the Conference to have this opportunity of meeting my Ministers from the Dominions, as well as the representatives of India. I trust that the results of your deliberations may be for the happiness and prosperity of my people in all parts of the British Empire.

“ The Queen and I wish the members of the Conference God speed, and a safe and happy return home.

“ GEORGE R.I.”

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