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THE KING THANKS HIS DOCTORS AND NURSES

CRAIGWEIL HOUSE,

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In looking back on my long illness and recovery my heart is full of thankfulness of far deeper origin than any mere sense of relief.

I have been brought back from the danger and weariness of the past months by the wonderful skill and devotion of my Doctors, Surgeons and Nurses. And help has come from another source of strength : as month after month went by I learned of the widespread and loving solicitude with which the Queen and I were surrounded. I was able to picture to myself the crowds of friends waiting and watching at my gates, and to think of the still greater number of those who, in every part of the Empire, were remembering me with prayers and good wishes. The realization of this has been among the most vivid experiences of my life.

It was an encouragement beyond description to feel that my constant and earnest desire had been granted—the desire to gain the confidence and affection of my People. My thoughts have carried me even farther than this. I cannot dwell upon the generous sympathy shown to me by unknown friends in many other countries without a new and moving hope. I long to believe it possible that experiences such as mine may soon appear no longer exceptional : when the national anxieties of all the Peoples of the World shall be felt as a common source of human sympathy and a common claim on human friendship.

I am not yet able to bear the strain of a public ceremony, but I look forward on some appointed day to joining with my People at home and overseas in thanking Almighty God, not merely for my own recovery but for the new evidences of a growing kindness significant of the true nature of Men and Nations.

In the meantime I hope that this message may reach all those, even in the remotest corners of the world, from whom I have received words of sympathy and good will.

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