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The Silver Jubilee of King George V.

“SO HELP ME GOD”

Twenty-four years ago—on June 22nd, 1911—we were privileged to be present in Westminster Abbey at the sacring and crowning of King George V, and of his Consort, Queen Mary, and heard the King, standing before the Altar, and laying his right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the Great Bible, solemnly promise to keep the Coronation Oath administered by the Primate. “So help me God.”

On May 6th, this year the King, accompanied by the Queen, passed in State through His capital, amid the plaudits of His people, and every evidence of the affection and devotion of the Empire over which He reigns, to St. Paul's Cathedral, and there—surrounded by Princes of the Blood Royal, Representatives of Church and State, Members of the Houses of Lords and Commons, the Premier and Dominion Prime Ministers, Princes of the Indian Empire, representatives of the Services of the Crown, including the heads of the Nursing Services, and Ambassadors and representatives of many nations—at a service of unexampled splendour, His Majesty rendered homage to the King of Kings, and His thanksgiving for the mercies vouchsafed to Him during His reign of five and twenty years.

And the people thanked God that during this reign, fraught with peril to the Empire, it had had as its Sovereign Lord, a King steadfast and true, courageous and firm of will, an example of fortitude, and a father to His people, who right well had observed His Coronation Oath, so that the Throne in this year of grace has never been more firmly established, or the Royal House so honoured and beloved.

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