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Meeting thus, and at this time at the Royal Edward Institute, it is in evitable that one matter is foremost in the thoughts of all of us, the death of the great King who gave his name to this building. It is but a few brief months since we were met together outside the door of the Institute under the presidency of one who took the keenest interest in our work and gave it hearty support,-the late Sir George Drummondawaiting the moment when for the first time the King's touch. in England, should open an institution in the greater Britain across the seas. And following the opening of the doors and the raising of the flag by Ilis Majesty's hand, there came his message: "I shall always take a lively interest in the Institute, and 1 pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon all those who work in and for it, and also upon those for whom it works." Close upon twenty years ago it was my privilege to hear the King, then Prince of Wales, sound the first effective note of his interest in the campaign against tuberculosis and thereby start the active campaign in Great Britain. It was at the International Congress of Hygiene, in London, of which he was President, when in his opening address referring to the ravages caused by the disease and the evidence brought forward that it is preventable, he uttered these memorable words: "If preventable, why not prevented." These words may truly be said to have initiated the campaign in Great Britain. You all know the active part taken by him in the British Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, and how after his recovery from that illness before the coronation, an illness which stirred the empire to its depths, he dedicated the thank offering of his people to the establishment of the King's Sanatorium at Midhurst. In the work, therefore. of those who with us are carrying on the warfare against preventable disease, Fdward the Seventh played a very active part. There will be other monuments raised throughout the empire for the beloved monarch,beloved as no King of England has ever been; there will be another

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