

CLASS XV.

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CLASS XVII.

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THE DEATH OF PRINCE ALBERT.

In respectful memory of the death of one so much endeared, by a singular variety of associations in public life, to all who live under British rule, the death of Prince Albert has been the painful subject of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen by the Society of Arts in England.

The sympathies expressed by the Society will be felt by all kindred institutions in alliance with that body, or working, however humbly, in the same field.

ADDRESS

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, incorporated by Royal Charter, humbly approach your Majesty, with the assurance of our devoted attachment to your throne and person, and of our respectful sympathy with your Majesty in the great affliction which has so unexpectedly befallen your Majesty and the Nation, in the early death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort.

Whilst the death of a Prince, distinguished by rare intellectual gifts and eminent virtues, is deeply lamented by all classes of your Majesty's subjects, his loss is especially deplored by this Society, which has for many years enjoyed the great advantage of his judicious counsel and support.

His Royal Highness was elected President in 1843.

His high position, his refined tastes, his enlightened judgment and his candour; his great command of general principles and his power of applying them to details; and his special knowledge on a great variety of subjects, extended the influence and greatly promoted the objects of the Society. Science, Art, and Literature, were, by his judicious patronage, constantly introduced to the notice and recommended to the favour of your Majesty.

The great conception of the Exhibition of 1851, with its countless influences on the progress of human industry, was due to His Royal Highness, and in overcoming the difficulties of such a new and gigantic work, he solved the problem of conducting future Exhibitions, and their success will be an ever-recurring memorial of their author.

The Society can never forget the obligations which His Royal Highness has conferred on them, and they humbly express a hope that the recollection of his virtues and of his public services may, with God's help, in some measure soften the intensity of your Majesty's affliction.

That your Majesty may long reign over a loyal and devoted people, is the prayer of your dutiful and loyal subjects and servants.

By order of the Council, sealed with the seal of the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce, this twenty-seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, in the presence of

P. LE NEVE FOSTER, *Secretary.*