

the Minister of the Irish Free State. Mr. Hull expressed his sympathy at the death of the King in his usual simple and sincere language, saying that the loss was felt almost as keenly in the United States as it was in His Majesty's Dominions. Later in the day the Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Assistant Secretaries of State, and the officers of the State Department chiefly concerned with relations with Canada also called at the Legation or sent cards of condolence. The Senate was not in session that day, but the House of Representatives adjourned out of respect to His Majesty immediately after assembling. This action had been taken on the death of Queen Victoria, but it was omitted on the death of King Edward the Seventh because of the objection of Irish-American Members. On the present occasion the Speaker ignored a solitary objection, expressed by Representative Sweeney of Ohio. The President postponed a large reception which was to have been given at the White House on January 23rd in honour of Members of Congress.

3. The heads of 30 out of 53 foreign diplomatic missions in Washington have also expressed their condolences to me, nearly all of them by calling in person on January 21st. Entertainments to be given in diplomatic houses were generally cancelled.

4. A Memorial Service will be given in Washington Episcopal Cathedral on the morning of January 28th. I tentatively suggested to Sir Ronald Lindsay that the invitations to this service should be issued in the name of all four of His Majesty's representatives in Washington, provided that all agreed on this course. He warmly endorsed the idea, as did my South African colleague. The Minister of the Irish Free State, however, after referring the matter to Dublin, found himself unable to accept it, though he will attend the Memorial Service. In consequence, the invitations are being sent out in the name of the British Ambassador alone. He has invited myself and my South African and Irish colleagues to sit with him at the ceremony.

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*Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au sous-secrétaire d'État
aux Affaires extérieures*

*Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

Washington, January 27, 1936

My dear Dr. Skelton,

It may be of some slight interest to you, as indicative of the extent to which the status of Canada is understood by foreign diplomats, to learn which heads of foreign Missions in Washington failed to pay a call of condolence on the death of His late Majesty.