

of a kind message of sympathy and condolence sent to the bereaved relatives from England's Queen, and the feelings of all aroused and the prayer goes up from each one's heart "God save our gracious Queen." Or again, it may be that some mining disaster happened, and several hundreds of poor men are ushered into eternity at a moment's notice and a cry of distress goes up from that neighborhood, which is soothed and comforted by the kind enquiries and substantial help from our beloved Monarch, and again the feelings of loyalty and devotion are aroused, and the cry goes heavenward as from one heart and voice: "Long live our noble Queen." Thus it is that bound to our country and our Queen by the threefold cord of chivalry, loyalty and religion, we are as a necessary consequence bound to one another by an indissoluble bond, which no distance or time can affect, teaching us all that the love of our country outweighs even the love of self, and thus it is, why Englishmen throughout the world meet together on such a day as this, in order that they may commemorate the memory of their Patron Saint and keep the festival of St. George, and we cannot do this more effectually, than by assisting with our prayers, our sympathies and our alms, that noble Society which has for its object the relief of our countrymen and countrywomen who are in distress. My brethren of the Society of St. George, I could tell you of several instances where the assistance that has been afforded by your means has been a solace and a comfort to many and many a family, who, through the help that you have so generously given them, have been enabled to tide over their difficulties and start afresh in the world, and many as have been the occasions that I have applied to St. George's Society for help for others, I have never met with one refusal. Truly it may be said of this Society that "it has comforted the poor, and made the widow's heart to leap for joy." And I have no doubt that the great prosperity that has attended it from its conception to the present time has been partly in answer to the prayers of those who have been relieved by its means. And I know that I can appeal to you all to continue your good work in God's name, and when I look around me tonight I know I must be speaking to several young men who are English by birth or English by descent, who have not joined this Society of ours, and to them I would say will you not join us. Remember that as years roll on, our members must naturally decrease either by death or by re-

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