

HIS MAJESTY EDWARD VII, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Sea, King, Emperor of India, died at Buckingham Palace on Friday, the 6th May, 1910, in the sixty-ninth year of his age and the tenth of his Reign.

Sharing in the loss which the nation has sustained by the death of King Edward, The Institution deeply mourns also its Patron and former Honorary Member. Elected an Honorary Member on the 28th March, 1865, when Prince of Wales, His late Majesty, on his accession to the Throne, signified that it was his pleasure to become Patron of The Institution, the intimation being conveyed to the Council in April, 1901. On three occasions, in 1866, 1875 and 1886, The Institution was honoured by his presence at the annual banquet of the Members, and the speeches which he then delivered afforded striking evidence of the deep interest which our late beloved Sovereign ever manifested in the advancement of science and its applications to the industrial arts, as well as of his intimate knowledge of the progress of engineering in the dominions over which he ruled. It is of melancholy interest to state that there were grounds for entertaining a hope that the King might have been pleased to lay the foundation-stone of the new Institution building in the coming summer, an act which would have fittingly signaled his personal attachment to The Institution for a period of over forty years.