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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS MAJESTY
THE KING'S ACCESSION TO THE THRONE.

The following is the text of a message broadcast by His Majesty the King on May 6th :—

“At the close of this memorable day I must speak to my people everywhere. Yet how can I express what is in my heart? As I passed this morning through the cheering multitudes to and from St. Paul's Cathedral, as I thought there of all that these twenty-five years have brought to me and to my country and my Empire, how could I fail to be most deeply moved? Words cannot express my thoughts and feelings. I can only say to you, my very dear people, that the Queen and I thank you from the depths of our hearts for all the loyalty and, may I say, the love with which this day and always you have surrounded us. I dedicate myself anew to your service for the years that may still be given to me.

I look back to the past with thankfulness to God. My people and I have come through great trials and difficulties together. They are not over. In the midst of this day's

rejoicings I grieve to think of the number of my people who are still without work. We owe to them and not least to those who are suffering from any form of disablement, all the sympathy and help that we can give. I hope that during this Jubilee year all who can will do their utmost to find them work and bring them hope.

Other anxieties may be in store. But I am persuaded that with God's help they may all be overcome, if we meet them with confidence, courage and unity. So I look forward to the future with faith and hope.

It is to the young that the future belongs. I trust that through funds inaugurated by my dear son the Prince of Wales to commemorate this year many of them throughout this country may be helped in body, mind and character to become useful citizens. To the children I would like to send a special message. Let me say this to each of them whom my words may reach—the King is speaking to *you*. I ask you to remember in the days to come you will be the citizens of a great Empire. As you grow up keep this thought before you; and when the time comes be ready and proud to give your country the service of your work, your minds and your hearts.

I have been greatly touched by all the greetings which have come to me to-day from all the Dominions and Colonies, from India and from this Home country. My heart goes out to all who may be listening to me now wherever you may be, here at home in towns or villages, or in some far off corner of the Empire, or it may be on the high seas.

Let me end my words to you with those which Queen Victoria used after her Diamond Jubilee, thirty-eight years ago. No words could more truly or simply express my own deep feelings now: 'From my heart I thank my beloved people, may God bless them.'

Nairobi.

This 8th day of May, 1935.

H. G. PILLING,
Acting Colonial Secretary.