

is so justly celebrated always affords Us the greatest pleasure, and the Borderland—that land of adventure and romance, celebrated in countless ballads and traditions—brings to Our minds many stirring events of national history.

“Very different are the feelings aroused by the sight of the extraordinary activity and the busy industries of the Tyne, from which river issue some of the finest warships and merchant vessels in the world. The Borderland is the embodiment of the past; the Tyne of the present.

“The great Northumberland coalfields afford employment to a large number of My subjects, who by their labour assist most materially in the prosperity of the country. They may rest assured that My warmest wishes for their well-being follow them in their toil.

“We trust that prosperity may always attend you who are present to-day, and all other inhabitants of the county.”

To Their Most Gracious Majesties, The King and Queen.

The Urban District Council of Alnwick, representing the inhabitants, beg most respectfully to express their loyalty, and heartily welcome Your Majesties to this ancient Border Town. In former times its walls and towers were a formidable defence to the then northern part of the Kingdom; happily times are changed, walls and towers have vanished, save one at the entrance, our former enemies are Your Majesties' loyal subjects, and their Ancient Kingdom now a part of the Empire.

We pray Your Majesties may, under Divine Providence, long live to reign over Your vast Empire in peace, in the loyalty and love of Your subjects, and on friendly terms with other nations.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

“I thank you most heartily on behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal and dutiful address of welcome which you have handed to Me, and for the good wishes which you express.

“Your ancient town, with its historical associations dating back to a very early period of British history, has always been an object of interest to Me. Its position on the borders of Scotland and England rendered it, as you remind Me, the scene of many a stirring incident in those times of turbulence when the inhabitants of the two countries regarded one another with feelings very different from those which happily prevail at present.

“It has given the Queen and Myself great pleasure to visit your delightful neighbourhood, and you may be assured of Our good wishes for your welfare and prosperity.”

On the following day, the 11th of July, Their Majesties visited Newcastle-upon-Tyne for the purpose of opening the Armstrong College and the Royal Victoria Infirmary, when the following Addresses were presented:—

To Their Most Gracious Majesties King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra.

*May it please Your Majesties.*

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in

council assembled, humbly offer to Your Majesties a most loyal and heartfelt welcome to our city.

We desire to renew the assurance of our devoted loyalty and dutiful and affectionate attachment to Your Majesties, and to express our deep gratitude for the distinguished honour You are so graciously conferring upon us by again visiting our city and associating that visit with the inauguration of institutions of such great public interest and importance as the Armstrong College and the Royal Victoria Infirmary.

We assure Your Majesties that Your gracious kindness in thus promoting the welfare and prosperity of the people on this as on Your former visits to our city (of which we have the most happy recollections) will ever live in our affectionate memories.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesties may long and happily reign over Your faithful and devoted subjects, that peace and prosperity may prevail throughout the vast Empire under Your rule, and that health, happiness, and every blessing may always attend Your Majesties and all the Members of Your Royal House.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

“It gives the Queen and Myself sincere pleasure to visit your city, and to receive the loyal address of welcome which you have presented to Us.

“The objects of such Institutions as the Armstrong College and the Royal Victoria Infirmary have ever been near to Our hearts. The increase of knowledge and education must tend to the moral and material benefit of Our people; and to provide for the care of those who, from their poverty, cannot in sickness afford proper medical attendance, is one of the noblest aims of benevolence.

“I am struck with admiration when I look around this great city and witness the results attained by extraordinary industry, guided by science. It is difficult to realise your enormous progress during the last hundred years, or to give sufficient praise to those great men who, by ability and energy, have raised your city to its present position in the shipbuilding world. Not only by this and other important industries, but by your municipal and other works and the public spirit of your citizens, you have developed into a community in which every member may feel a just pride.

“I am of opinion that the Chief Magistrate of Newcastle-on-Tyne should bear the honourable title of Lord Mayor, and I shall have much pleasure in giving the necessary instructions for the grant of that privilege.

“We offer to you and to all the inhabitants of your city Our most hearty wishes for ever-increasing prosperity.”

To Their Most Gracious Majesties Edward the Seventh, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, and Queen Alexandra.

*May it please Your Majesties.*

We the President, Vice-Presidents, Council and Members of the Newcastle and Gateshead Incorporated Chamber of Commerce most humbly express the profound gratification which Your visit causes to the commercial and industrial community of Tyne-side. As representing commerce and the industries of this district, we shall