

Whitehall, December 14th, 1933.

The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the St. Mary's Hospital Medical School at Paddington on the 12th December, 1933:—

DEAN OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL
MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The Building which Your Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen are honouring to-day replaces a school opened in 1852. That school was a relic of the time when students were apprentices and walked the hospitals, a time before the development of laboratories and scientific medicine. Generations had been constrained to work within those ancient walls because it had been supposed that the public was solely concerned with hospitals and the sick poor, and not with medical schools and the education of the doctor. Now that it has been made plain for the first time in London that a medical school can be completely rebuilt out of British funds, it is our hope that other schools may be encouraged to carry out their plans with the assistance of the public. It has been shown that there are in England men of vision who realise that the health of the people is inseparably associated with the training which the medical schools give to the doctors of to-morrow.

It would not be fitting that this occasion should pass without recording the School's lasting gratitude to those who have made possible the erection of this Building. In giving to a school of medicine they gave with both hands to the future. They gave because they understood before others that the health of the people is in the hands of those who practise medicine. To the late Lord Revelstoke who began the fund and to Lord Beaverbrook, without whom our plans would have come to nothing, we owe everything. We can take heart that the plans of this School have passed the scrutiny of two minds so far apart; while the University of London in the very act of building a home of her own has contributed most generously to these splendid buildings fashioned to our purposes by the genius of Sir Edwin Cooper.

A part of this building, the Pathological Institute, we owe in great measure to Lord Iveagh. He has been associated at St. Mary's with the workers in this field for many years. He has seen work there that possesses the authentic note of permanence and has made provision for its continuance.

On an occasion like this our thoughts are not in the past but in the future: with those who will come after us and work within these walls. To those of my generation who came through the War our own life sometimes seems a preparation for something that has already happened, and the only reward of our work that can be worth while is to see young men stepping forward and perhaps to help them, however little, before they go out into the world.

We assure Your Majesties that Your presence on this occasion will long serve as an encouragement to us to make this School in every way worthy of the honour conferred upon it and of the munificence of which it has been the object. As Dean of this School, I have the honour to offer to Your Majesty and to Her

Majesty the Queen an expression of our sincere and lasting loyalty and devotion and to ask Your Majesty to be graciously pleased to declare this Building open.

To which address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:—

The Queen and I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address. We feel a special interest in revisiting St. Mary's Hospital since for close on 20 years I was a predecessor in office of your President, my dear Daughter-in-law, The Duchess of York. I recall too that many years ago the skill and care of a nurse from this Hospital contributed largely to my recovery from an attack of typhoid fever.

Happily curative and preventive medicine and surgery do not stand still. They are progressive sciences, and this was probably never more true than to-day. The tireless efforts of devoted workers, in the clinical sphere and in the laboratory alike, are ever wresting fresh secrets from nature and adding to existing knowledge in many different fields.

No less important than the growth of knowledge is its dissemination to those who will apply it. Thus the health of my people, as you have well said, Mr. Dean, depends in great measure on the training which the medical schools of to-day give to their students who will be the doctors of to-morrow.

The buildings and equipment of a medical school must keep pace with knowledge, and inevitably there comes a time when radical change is required. You are indeed fortunate that when your need for a new School arose those wise donors of whom you have spoken, and others also, gave generously of their substance and helped with their inspiration. I doubt not, Mr. Dean, that this new provision for medical education in London owes much also to your own well-informed and untiring labours.

I am happy to declare the new building of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School open, and I pray that with God's Blessing the beneficent work of the School, and the Hospital with which it is associated, may prosper and extend.

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15th December, 1933.*

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come:

GREETING!

Whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria did by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the tenth day of April, One thousand nine hundred, in the sixty-third year of Her Reign, institute and create a decoration to be styled "The Kaisar-i-Hind Medal for Public Service in India," and did make certain Rules and Ordinances for the government of the same:

And whereas by the said Royal Warrant power was reserved to Us of annulling and altering the said Rules and Ordinances or any