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THE following Addresses were presented to The King on the occasion of the visit of The King and Queen to Aberdeen on the 27th ultimo, by the University of Aberdeen and the Town Council of Aberdeen, and His Majesty was pleased to reply to the Authorities presenting the Addresses in the terms set forth below in each case:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
AND TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTIES,—

We, the Members of the University of Aberdeen, desire to offer our humble duty, and to express our gratitude to Your Majesties for the honour done to us by Your Presence on this auspicious occasion.

Your Majesties will permit us to recall that, in 1860, two Universities, whose seats were only a mile apart, were united and incorporated into one University under the style of the University of Aberdeen. Our celebration has a double object. We associate ourselves with our Graduates and Alumni in a thankful remembrance of the service rendered and the benefits conferred by the incorporated Institutions during the four centuries which have passed since the older of the two was founded. It is a special satisfaction to us that with this Commemoration we can combine the inauguration of buildings which are urgently required for class and research work.

The visit of Your Majesties reminds us of many interesting links in the connection of our University with the Crown. By the good offices of King James the Fourth of Scotland, Bishop Elphinstone obtained the Papal Bull which sanctioned the foundation of the University in 1494–5. In token of the protection thus extended, its College, dedicated to St. Mary in 1505, was described in Acts of the Scots Parliament as the College of "our Sovereign Lord," and from an early time was known as "the King's College." King James the Fifth and his Consort, and Queen Mary, heard classical recitations within the College Halls. The old grey Crown that still gracefully surmounts our Chapel is a symbol of this ancient relation to the Scottish Throne. Your Majesties have revived the tradition of what is now a far past. Nor is the event in which we rejoice the only sign of Your Royal favour. As the Patron of many of our Chairs, and of the Balmoral Bursaries, established by Queen Victoria of blessed memory, Your Majesty the King is directly interested in the affairs of the University.

By the strenuous co-operation and the munificence of friends of the University we have been enabled to erect the premises whose opening we shall ask to be graciously declared. We trust that the addition thus made to this Seat of Learning will be accepted as an evidence of our anxiety that the accommodation which is essential to thorough scientific study shall be provided in it, and that, in its equipment, it shall meet the requirements of the several branches of Higher Education. Your Majesties may be assured that the recollection of Your courtesy will stimulate our diligence in the performance of the responsibilities laid on us, and in the endeavour so to promote the