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The following Address was presented to Their Majesties King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra on the occasion of the opening by Their Majesties, on Thursday, the 11th instant, of the New Out-Patient Department of the London Hospital:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Stepney.

May it please Your Majesties,

On behalf of the inhabitants of this borough we desire to offer Your Majesties a loyal and hearty welcome upon the occasion of Your most gracious visit to the London Hospital.

In doing so we humbly venture to remind You that the borough has a population of nearly 300,000 persons; and that, in addition to the Royal Mint, it contains that greatest monument of English history, the Tower of London, which, down to a period of within 200 years, was the residence of Your Majesties' Royal and revered predecessors.

We are reminded by Your visit that the inhabitants of the area comprised within the borough have previously received evidences of Royal favour and sympathy by being honoured by visits from Yourself and members of Your Royal House, in connection with philanthropic and educational institutions established for the benefit of Your subjects therein. Amongst these we recall to mind with the greatest measure of affection and pleasure the visit of Your Royal Mother, our late lamented Queen, on the occasion of the opening of the Queen's Hall of the People's Palace, in the year 1887.

As a further evidence of Your thoughtfulness for the welfare of Your less prosperous subjects we beg respectfully to remind Your Majesties that in connexion with Your Coronation Dinner to the poor, 45,000 guests were successfully entertained and partook of Your Royal bounty

within the borough, amidst demonstrations of the utmost loyalty and devotion to Your Persons and Throne, such number being the largest proportion assigned to any of the boroughs of the metropolis. We gratefully recognize that Your visit of to-day is the outcome of the heartfelt sympathy which Your Majesties always display towards those in sickness and distress, and which has constantly demonstrated itself in the patronage and aid which Your Majesties give to institutions established for the relief of human suffering. In conclusion, we earnestly pray that Your Majesties may long live to continue the beneficent projects so dear to Your hearts, and which have in the past done so much to enlist public support for institutions such as that which You are now so graciously visiting.

Dated this 11th day of June, 1903.

HENRY POTTER, Mayor.

GEORGE W. CLARKE, Town Clerk.

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

"I thank you heartily for your dutiful address, and for the loyal welcome which you have given to Me and to the Queen.

"It is gratifying to Us to be received by you, the representatives of the borough, on the occasion of the formal inauguration amid your toiling population of a work which We are confident will do much for the remedy of disease and the relief of suffering among them. Our fullest encouragement and support will always be given to institutions of such widespread and permanent usefulness to Our people.

"Your reception to-day brings to My mind the recollection of the pleasure which My beloved Mother derived from the acclamations of Her loyal subjects in this district when She opened the Queen's Hall in the People's Palace 16 years ago."