

Majesty and Queen Alexandra on behalf of the inhabitants of the county which we represent.

We remember with pleasure Your Majesty's residence in one of the historic seats of Cambridgeshire during the period of Your studies in the Ancient and Illustrious University whose presence has for centuries been the chief distinction of our county, and whose powers and usefulness we rejoice to see enlarged by the erection of the Museums and Schools which Your Majesty has to-day come to open. The courtesy of the University has given us an opportunity of which we have gladly availed ourselves to combine with other counties to establish a system of training in the theory and practice of the Agricultural Arts that constitute the chief occupation of the inhabitants of our county. This task we prosecute with a greater zeal because we remember the active interest which Your Majesty has always shown in the pursuits of agriculture, and in the prosperity of all the various classes engaged in that oldest and greatest of our national industries.

That Your Majesty has deigned to receive this Address of Welcome from us will be not only a source of warm satisfaction to our county and all its inhabitants but also an incentive to fresh energy in the discharge of the great educational duties and responsibilities recently imposed upon ourselves by Parliament.

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

"The cordial welcome given to Us by you on behalf of the County of Cambridge is very gratifying both to Myself and to Queen Alexandra. I shall never forget My residence in your County while I was a Student in the University which adds so greatly to its distinction.

"I am very glad to know of the educational work in connection with the great industry of Agriculture, which you have undertaken. In common with most branches of industry, Agriculture has, in modern times, come to depend for its success and extension upon the unremitting application to it of the results of scientific investigation. No greater service can be rendered to this ancient Industry than to furnish it with the means of research and instruction which are essential in order that labour may be directed in profitable channels.

"In the buildings which are to be opened to-day improved provision will be made for instruction in some of the branches of knowledge upon which the scientific cultivation of the land is based, and you will, I hope, derive therefrom useful aid in the carrying out of your undertaking.

"I pray that every success may attend you in the execution of the great work of general education which is now entrusted to you."

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and the Queen.

The humble Address of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.

*May it please Your Majesties.*

We, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, humbly offer to Your Majesties our dutiful welcome to the precincts of this Ancient University.

We avail ourselves, Sir, of Your Majesty's gracious permission to address You that we may renew that assurance of our earnest and heartfelt loyalty towards Your Person and Your Throne

which we were permitted to tender on the occasion of Your Majesty's Accession.

Fifty-six years have passed since Your Royal Mother, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, whose memory we hold in abiding honour, was pleased, together with Her Illustrious Consort, then our Chancellor, to visit this University. Since that time, as we rejoice to remember, Your Majesty has resided among us as a Member of our Body, and has thought well to connect us with Yourself by many gracious personal ties, permitting us to share with respectful sympathy in the joys and sorrows of Your Royal House.

We recognise, Sir, in the presence among us of Your Majesty and of Her Majesty the Queen a mark of Your favour towards this University and a proof of Your solicitude for the progress of Education, on which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, the stability and prosperity of Your Majesty's Empire, both at home and beyond the seas, so largely depends, and in the promotion and guidance of which the national Universities are entrusted with so high and so signal a responsibility.

We venture to remind You, Sir, that, in bestowing upon us this sign of Your gracious recognition of our endeavours to fulfil our part as one of Your Majesty's ancient Universities, You are following in the footsteps of Kings and Princes of this Realm. The University Library and this Senate House, in which we have the honour to address Your Majesty, are enduring monuments of the concern for our well-being which Your Royal Ancestors were pleased to manifest. And in particular we recall with gratitude and pride the zealous patience and the far-seeing wisdom with which Your august Father, while he was our Chancellor, ever took thought for the maintenance and advancement among us of learning and more especially of the study of Natural Sciences. To him we owe a debt which no lapse of time will diminish or obscure.

We ask Your Majesties to-day to visit those New Buildings, which, through the munificence of many Benefactors, we have lately been enabled to erect.

The Law School and the Law Library symbolize the development among us of those older studies, not only of Law, but also of Divinity, of Letters, of History, and of Philosophy, of which through many generations we have been guardians.

The Faculty of Medicine from our earliest days has had an honoured place in this our University. The beneficent Science of Medicine, with the sister Sciences of Surgery and of Pathology, will henceforth have a home not wholly unworthy, as we trust, of that splendid progress which in these later days has conferred on mankind inestimable blessings and is the pledge of a yet greater advance in the time to come.

The Museum of Geology, the memorial of the late Professor Sedgwick, whose honoured name it bears, and the Botanical Laboratory are fitting emblems of the growth of the physical Sciences which is a chief glory of our times, and which stimulates, and, we trust, will stimulate, the best energies of many of our ablest students.

The inauguration of these new Schools of Learning and Science marks an epoch in our academic history. We are profoundly conscious how auspicious and how memorable the commencement of this new era is rendered by Your Majesties' Presence in our midst and by Your gracious participation in our aspirations and in our hopes.