

We may perhaps be permitted to recall to Your Majesty the fact that the Charter of University College, Liverpool, was granted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, who was also graciously pleased to allow Her name to be associated with the first Chair of Law in the College, which is now the Queen Victoria Chair of Law in the University of Liverpool.

Indebted as we are to Your Majesty for our existence as a University, we recognize the responsibilities of service which Your Majesty has laid upon us. We trust that knowledge for its own sake may be sought and treasured amongst us, but that we may also do our part in quickening intelligence and sympathy by humane studies, in the development of the sciences, and in their application to commerce and industry and to the relief of human suffering.

We humbly pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon Your Majesties, and that Your Majesties' reign may long continue to be one of progress and of peace over a united and loyal people.

Given under the Corporate Seal of the University of Liverpool, the 19th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

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

"On behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you for the loyal and dutiful address which you have presented to Us from the Members of the University of Liverpool.

"It was a source of sincere gratification to Me to be able to grant a Charter to the University for the furtherance of the objects for which My dear Mother incorporated University College, Liverpool.

"Though the period which has elapsed since the grant of the Charter has been but short, the efforts which have been made for the advancement of knowledge by the Authorities of the University are deserving of the highest eulogy, and will, I feel assured, be ultimately rewarded by results worthy of this great City. I am fully conscious that the development of all branches of literary and scientific education is of the greatest importance in furthering the high objects which we all have at heart.

"I earnestly hope that every success may attend you in the prosecution of the great work which has been entrusted to you."

*May it please Your Majesty,*

The Diocese of Liverpool was created in 1880. It comprises one of the most populous districts of Lancashire, including the City and port of Liverpool and the towns of Bootle, Ormskirk, St. Helens, Southport, Warrington, Widnes, and Wigan, and no less than a million and a quarter of people.

But this great Diocese has never possessed a suitable Cathedral Church. Other and greater spiritual needs claimed to be first met, and absorbed for nearly a quarter of a century the attention of Churchmen. Yet the vision of a Cathedral was never lost. It grew in strength and loftiness through years of waiting. Men looked for a stately building worthy of this great community, with its stores of wealth, its world-wide connexions, its untiring industrial activities,

and its manifold interests, which should be reared by all and for all, and which should be handed down to those yet unborn as a witness for God and as a centre of spiritual life and work and worship.

This hope is now on the eve of fulfilment, and it is with the deepest sense of thankfulness to Almighty God that we have ventured to approach Your Majesty and our Gracious Queen to further our undertaking, and most respectfully to ask Your Majesty to be pleased to lay the foundation stone of this the Cathedral Church of Christ in Liverpool, humbly praying that God may grant Your Majesty and the Queen long and happy lives, and that He may abundantly bless this His work.

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

"I heartily thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for your loyal address and for your good wishes.

"It gives Me deep satisfaction to lay the Foundation Stone of the Cathedral Church of the great Diocese of Liverpool, which will be the chief place of worship and the spiritual centre of this mighty community, and will, too, I am assured, be a noble building worthy to adorn this splendid City.

"I am well aware of the aspirations which have for many years been in the minds of Churchmen of this Diocese for the establishment of a Cathedral which shall do honour to God and bear witness to the spiritual zeal of Our Church. These aspirations have ever had My deepest sympathy, and I pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest on the work and may enable you to bring it to a happy and successful fulfilment."

*Whitehall, July 29, 1904.*

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Swansea, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, to inaugurate the King's Dock:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties the King and Queen.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Swansea, in Council assembled, desire humbly to offer to Your Majesties a cordial and heartfelt welcome to this ancient and loyal town.

We recall, with pleasure, Your visit in October, 1881, and are deeply sensible of the honour conferred upon us and the Principality of Wales by the present visit of Your Majesties and for the opportunity thus afforded of expressing our loyalty and devotion.

We acknowledge with gratitude Your efforts to extend the commerce of our Empire, and, by softening International differences, to promote peace and consequently the well-being of the whole world.

It will be pleasing to Your Majesties to learn that the Prince of Wales Dock, opened on the occasion of Your former visit, has added, in a large measure, to the success of our port, and we feel assured that the dock now being inaugurated by Your Majesties will further add to the prosperity of the neighbourhood in which