

Whitehall, July 29, 1905.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 12th July, to open the new Buildings of the University of Sheffield:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

The loyal and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

On behalf of the inhabitants of this City, we humbly crave permission to give public expression to our feelings of loyal devotion, and to tender our most heartfelt welcome to Your Majesties on the auspicious occasion of Your visit.

Many thousands of loyal subjects who will greet Your Majesties to-day will remember the enthusiasm and affection which was called forth thirty years ago when Your Majesties (then the Prince and Princess of Wales) visited Sheffield to open Firth Park.

With grateful recollection we recall to mind the more recent occasion in 1897, when the City was honoured by the presence of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, who declared open the Town Hall, which had then recently been built as the Home of our Municipal Government.

Your Majesty the King, on the advice of Your Privy Council, having been pleased to grant a Charter for constituting and founding a University within the City for the advancement of Knowledge, the diffusion and extension of Arts, Sciences, and Learning, and the provision of Professional and Technical Education, we rejoice that Your Majesties have graciously consented to confer on that Institution the distinguished honour of declaring open the University Buildings, and thus inaugurating a work which will tend to the higher education of the people, and the prosperity of the City.

It gives us special pleasure that Your Majesties have signified Your wish to visit one of the great centres of our City's Industries and to see Works of world-wide fame, where the toilers who loyally greet You to-day fashion from iron and from steel not only the Armaments of War but the Implements of Peace.

We pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon Your Majesties, and that peace, order, and prosperity may prevail throughout Your wide dominions.

Given under our Corporate Common Seal this twelfth day of July, 1905.

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

"I have great pleasure in receiving, on behalf of The Queen and Myself, your loyal and dutiful address.

"We fully appreciate the demonstrations of loyalty which the people of Sheffield have accorded Us, and We are glad to convey, through you, Our most earnest thanks for the very cordial welcome which We have received from them on this occasion.

"We retain a pleasant recollection of Our previous visit to Sheffield, to which you refer, and are glad to be present here to open the University Buildings and to inaugurate a work which, I am well assured, will tend to promote the advancement of knowledge and the spread of culture among all classes of My people in the City. I have no doubt that the establishment of the University in this large commercial centre

will also afford facilities for that technical training which is now essential to success in every industrial enterprise.

"We shall follow the progress of the University with warm interest, and the welfare of your City will always be the subject of Our sincere good wishes."

To King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra's Most Excellent Majesties.

We, the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, in the county of York, rejoicing in the unique opportunity afforded us by this the first visit of a King and Queen of this Realm to our City of Sheffield, desire to express to Your Majesties our heartfelt loyalty and devotion.

Existing in a less regular form for centuries and incorporated by an Act of Parliament during the reign of King James the First in the year 1624, we may humbly but confidently claim to be both an Ancient and Loyal Company, and we rejoice to unite with our fellow citizens in offering to Your Majesties an affectionate and hearty welcome.

In no part of Your Majesty's Dominions we are assured is there a more single-minded devotion to Your Majesties' Throne and Persons than in this great Industrial Centre, some of whose resources for the defence of Your Empire we are glad to think Your Majesties are to-day to see.

We have a very vivid recollection of the honour which Your Majesties as Prince and Princess of Wales did to our Company by becoming their Guests on Your former visit to Sheffield in the year 1875, a visit the remembrance of which is a source of keen gratification to us all.

To You, Sir, as a consistent and most successful promoter of goodwill amongst Nations, we desire as a body having jurisdiction among the followers of our great Industries most respectfully to tender our hearty thanks for Your conspicuous services to the ensuring of Peace, and we acclaim You as having done thereby supreme service to our Commerce and Industries.

We are especially grateful to Your Majesty the King for the Grant of a Charter to our University, and for Your Gracious consent to inaugurate with Queen Alexandra the University Buildings to which employers and employed have alike contributed, believing firmly as we do that the success of our Industries depends upon thorough scientific training and research, and that work and culture should go hand in hand.

To our Queen we would fane make expression of that sincere love and admiration for Her Gracious presence, for Her kindly and charitable character and Her true womanly sympathy with and example to Her people which we in common with all our fellow subjects have always felt in increasing measure since the fortunate day when She first came amongst us.

Sensible as we are of the manifold and great benefits which we experience under Your Gracious rule, we pray that by the Blessing of the Almighty You may long be spared to continue Your kindly and beneficent Reign over a united and contented people.

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

"I thank you heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address."