

"I am well aware of the admirable work performed by the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, and of the influence they have exercised in fostering the great Industry for which the City has so long been famous.

"Your ancient Company may rest assured that the prosperity of the industries of this City and the welfare of its citizens will always be the object of Our sincere interest.

"I have a pleasurable recollection of Our visit of 1875 to open the Firth Park, and I shall always retain a vivid remembrance of the enthusiastic reception which We have met with to-day.

"Your loyal words of appreciation and welcome are a source of the highest gratification to Myself and to the Queen, who is very glad to be able to be with Me on this occasion."

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty, and to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Town Collector and his Assistants, the Free Tenants of Sheffield, commonly called The Sheffield Town Trustees, the Most Ancient Public Body in the City of Sheffield, dating our origin from the year 1297, desire most loyally to offer to Your Majesties a cordial welcome on Your visit to our City.

We well remember the occasion when Your Majesties as Prince and Princess of Wales favoured Sheffield with a visit in the year 1875, and we now appreciate with delight the further honour which Your Majesties are conferring upon Sheffield in coming to open our University, by means of which we trust that a sound form of Education will be fostered amongst classes unable otherwise to obtain the full advantages of a University Education, which education we believe will strengthen and intensify the love and loyalty which the Inhabitants of our City, along with the other Inhabitants of this vast Empire, entertain towards Your Majesties and the Throne.

We humbly beg to offer the fullest assurance of our loyalty and devotion, and fervently pray that the Blessing of the Almighty may rest upon Your Majesties.

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

"I thank you, on behalf of the Queen and Myself, for the loyal and dutiful address from the Sheffield Town Trustees.

"It is a great pleasure to Me to be able to avail Myself of the opportunity of renewing My acquaintance with this great City, and I cannot refrain from an expression of sincere gratification at the signs of loyal enthusiasm and attachment to Our Persons which We have observed during Our visit."

To His Majesty King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

*Most Excellent Majesties,*

We, the President, Council, and Members of the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Manufactures (Incorporated), desire to express to Your Majesties our grateful thanks for the great incentive to Educational Work in Sheffield which You have been graciously pleased to give us by the grant of a Charter to the University and by the great honour of Your presence to open the new University Buildings.

Assured as we are of the great and beneficent influence which education of the highest type must always exert on Commerce, and realizing, as this Chamber has always realized, that it is to improved scientific and practical training that British Commerce must look in the future, we are very sensible of Your Majesties' kind approval and sympathy with the efforts of Sheffield in this direction.

All those engaged in Commerce can never be too grateful for the efforts of the King in the direction of promoting cordiality of feeling among the nations of the world, a work, the success in which Your Majesty has already attained cannot but be to the lasting benefit of the Commerce of the Country.

We desire also to express our deep gratification at the presence of our beloved Queen, who since Her first coming to this Country, by Her Gracious presence and cordial womanly sympathy with the people, testified by numerous most useful works, has become more and more the object of Her devoted people's warm and loving regard.

We gladly take the opportunity of Your Majesties' presence in Sheffield to express all that loyal devotion to Your Majesties which we, in common with all the people in Sheffield, so strongly feel.

That Your Majesties may long be spared to rule over these Realms is the heartfelt wish and prayer of us all.

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 the loyal address of welcome which you have presented to Us, and for the sentiments you have expressed therein. It has given the Queen great pleasure to accompany Me on this occasion.

"I feel assured that the establishment of the University in Sheffield will do much to foster that spirit of enterprise which has been so distinguished a characteristic of British Commerce in the past, and to encourage the spread of that technical and scientific training which is now more than ever necessary to enable the Country to hold its place in the field of Commerce amongst the nations of the world."

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty, and to Her Majesty the Queen.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Members of the Court, the Council and the Senate of the University which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to establish in this City of Sheffield, desire humbly to express our loyalty to the Persons of Your Majesties, and to offer you a most hearty welcome to the buildings in which that University will find a home.

We bear in proud and grateful memory the fact that on more than one previous occasion Members of Your Royal House have shown an interest in the Institutions from which the University of Sheffield derives its origin; and we gladly recall what has been already achieved in the course of Your reign to advance that wider movement of which this University is but a sign and symbol. The early years of Your Majesties' reign must always be remarkable as having witnessed that more general awakening on the part of Your Majesties' subjects to the advantages of Higher Education in all branches of