

pleasure in inaugurating to-day, and We are glad to think the cause to which they are devoted is that of science and progress. The splendid liberality of those benefactors who have contributed so nobly to this great work merits the deep gratitude of their fellow-citizens and of the public.

"The additional accommodation provided by the buildings will afford admirable facilities for the acquirement of knowledge useful in your great industries; and will give the inhabitants of this great city special opportunities of providing their souls with an intellectual training, which will immeasurably increase their chances of success in life. Those who have taken part in bringing this building to completion, not merely by money gifts but by patient supervision and zealous labour, are not likely to be forgotten: they must be deeply gratified by the happy accomplishment of their work.

"I trust that under God's blessing, the excellent results which have been achieved by the College in the past may in future be increased, and that the students may not only gain practical success in life, but may not forget the high ideals of duty and fellow service without which worldly success is of little value."

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty.*

We, the Professors of Armstrong College in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the University of Durham, rejoice to be allowed to offer to Your Majesty an expression of our devoted and humble loyalty. We gladly seize this opportunity of paying our tribute of reverence to the interest which Your Majesty has ever shown in the progress of science and the advancement of education; and are most grateful to be partakers to-day in the distinguished honour which Your Majesty's gracious presence has conferred upon our College. Our work in this College has, up to the present, been comparatively little devoted to the literary studies and the efforts to unveil the secrets of the historic past which are the especial glory of the elder seats of learning in this country. Our labours have been more largely given to a department of University work more particularly characteristic both of the age in which our College was founded and of the illustrious name it has assumed; we have been mainly engaged in the attempt to wrest from nature's self the secrets she holds in her keeping, and to apply the knowledge thus hardly gained to the furtherance of works of engineering skill, the improvement of methods of manufacture, and the enrichment of the agricultural resources of the Kingdom. Whatever success we may boast ourselves of having attained in this or any other field of endeavour, we shall ever most signally rejoice in the thought, if haply we may entertain it, that the work done in this College is work which contributes, in however slight a degree, to the welfare of the great Empire over which Your Majesty has been so worthily called to reign. That Your Majesty may long be spared to occupy the Throne of the Britains will ever be the earnest prayer of the Professors of Armstrong College.

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

"I thank you most heartily for the loyal address of welcome from the Professors of Armstrong College, which you have handed to Me.

"Situated as your College is in one of the great centres of the industrial life of this country, I commend your wisdom in deciding that its teaching should be adapted, as far as possible, to the practical needs of your students. The name of Armstrong will always be identified with scientific discovery and industrial success, and I am aware of the efforts which you have made, and have made successfully, to imbue your students with scientific principles. These principles are now more than ever necessary for the mental training of all who hope for success, either in the manufacture of raw products or in the great engineering works for which your city is famous all the world over. You may assure yourselves that your contribution to the welfare of this great Empire is not small.

"Students are placed under your tuition at the most receptive age. Their future success in life is largely dependent on your guidance along the difficult paths of scientific investigation, and the part which the teachers are called on to play is, therefore, one of the very highest importance.

"The achievements of the Armstrong College will always be watched by Me with sincere interest and sympathy."

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty.*

The Students of Armstrong College, no less heartily animated by sentiments of most loyal devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Throne, desire earnestly to join in the expressions of humble and respectful homage and greeting already tendered to Your Majesty on the part of the Governors and Professors; and trust that they may be permitted also to proffer a most cordial and most loyal welcome to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, whose most gracious presence is never other than a supreme joy and delight to Your Majesty's subjects.

Looking back, as we shall, in future years with affectionate regard to the walls of this College, it will ever be the crowning glory of our memories to know that Your Majesties' eyes have rested with sympathetic interest upon those scenes of our earlier days. Scattered abroad as we shall shortly be, following diverse occupations in many widely separated regions of Your Majesty's Dominions, we shall, I trust, always find in that recollection an additional encouragement to public duty, an additional reason for remembering to strive, each in his own place and in his own calling, not for personal aims or ambition alone, but in all singleness of mind for the greater honour of the British name and the greater prosperity and happiness of the British Empire.

That Your Majesty may long be spared to rule over us is the heartfelt prayer of Armstrong College Students.

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 address from the students of Armstrong College. The Queen is very glad to be able to be present here to-day, and is much gratified by your cordial expressions.

"Your Professors and Tutors use their best endeavours to impart and to help you to acquire knowledge which will be useful in after-life; but it rests with you to employ that knowledge. They will fashion the tools for you and explain