

their use, but you will use them. They cannot do more than show you the road; it is for you to travel it. I am touched with the thought expressed in your address that in whatever land your lot may be cast you will retain your affectionate regard for your old College, and that you will never forget to uphold the honour of your country, wherever you may be.

"I pray that God's blessing may attend your future careers, and that they may be crowned with prosperity and happiness."

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

*May it please Your Majesties.*

We the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Governing Body of the Royal Infirmary for the Sick and Lame Poor of the city and county of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and the counties of Northumberland and Durham, desire humbly to approach Your Majesties with respectful and loyal attachment, and with grateful acknowledgment of Your so graciously honouring us with Your presence to-day, on this auspicious occasion, Your first visit to this ancient city since Your accession to the Throne, to open the new Infirmary, which has been erected to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the illustrious reign of our late revered Sovereign, Queen Victoria, of which Your Majesty laid the foundation stone on June 20th, 1900, in the name of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and which is to be known as the Royal Victoria Infirmary.

The Royal Infirmary, of which Your Majesty is the Patron and Benefactor, was founded in the year 1751, and after more than a century and a half of beneficent work, in future is to transfer its duty to this appropriate site, which has been conveyed to the Trustees of the Institution by the Corporation of the city, with the consent and approval of the Stewards and Wardens of the Companies of the borough as representing the Freemen. The record of humane services to the community having so developed concurrently with the increase in the population of the district, the old Infirmary was found inadequate for its present requirements.

The Royal Victoria Infirmary with the Nurses Home will be one of the most perfectly arranged hospitals in the Kingdom.

The amount expended on the new Infirmary, £300,000, has been provided in the following manner. The "Queen's Commemoration Fund," founded by Sir Riley Lord, when Mayor in 1896, £109,000 (of which amount £20,000 was contributed by the working men of the district), the late Mr. John Hall, £100,000, and Lord and Lady Armstrong, £100,000.

We venture to express the hope that the memorial will be regarded as a tribute and an indication of the love and sympathy which our late Sovereign evinced for the suffering poor, which was so distinctive a feature of Queen Victoria's beneficent reign.

We trust that Your Majesties will be graciously pleased to give permission for one of the wards to be called "King Edward VII. Ward" and another "Queen Alexandra Ward."

In acknowledging Your Majesties' gracious presence here to-day, and in expressing our gratitude for this Royal recognition, we desire to assure Your Majesties of our unceasing fidelity to the Throne, to bear testimony to Your

warm sympathy for the poor and Your solicitude for the benevolent care of those who are in suffering and distress, and to give expression to our feelings of thankfulness to Almighty God for His mercies and for the blessings He has bestowed on this nation, and we pray that the Divine Blessing may attend Your Majesties in all Your undertakings, and that the years to come may bring every happiness to Your Majesties and the Members of Your Royal House.

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

"It gives The Queen and Myself great pleasure to be here to-day to open this fine building, which bears the name of Queen Victoria, My beloved Mother.

"We well remember our previous visit to this ancient city to lay the foundation-stone of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, and it is a sincere gratification to Us to see the completion of this noble institution, which will be an abiding memorial of those munificent donors who have contributed so largely to its erection. It is a satisfaction to Us also to know that the workers have given so generously towards the endowment of the Infirmary, from which they will secure benefits which are of the greatest value in a city where there are many industries involving risk to life and health.

"It will ever be Our desire to do all that in Us lies to assist institutions of which this Infirmary is so fine an example, and to support every movement for the relief of the large class of persons suffering from disease who have not the means for securing proper medical attention. We trust that the springs of charity will always flow abundantly in the furtherance of the beneficent work of alleviating distress and allaying suffering, and it is our earnest hope that this splendidly equipped building, where the services of skilled doctors and efficient nurses will be at all times available, will for many years to come be the means of restoring to health those whose career of usefulness has been interrupted by accident or illness. The good work done by Dr. Thomas Oliver, Physician to this Infirmary, in connection with the diseases of occupations, is widely known and appreciated.

"The Queen and I most willingly agree to the proposal that two of the wards should be called the 'King Edward VII.' Ward, and the 'Queen Alexandra' Ward, respectively.

"I thank you heartily, on behalf of The Queen and Myself, for your good wishes for Our welfare, and I pray that the Divine Blessing may attend your efforts in the fight against suffering and disease."

[Substituted for the notice which appeared in the London Gazette of the 27th April last.]

*Crown Office,*

*July 24, 1906*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal to present the Reverend Charles Morgan Smith, B.D., to the Vicarage of Christchurch, Luton, in the county of Bedford and diocese of Ely, void by the death of the Reverend Edward Henry Lowe, the last Incumbent, and in His Majesty's Gift for this turn only by reason of the recent vacancy of the See of Ely.