

this Commemoration of the founding of the two Institutions incorporated in the University of Aberdeen, which during four centuries has played so distinguished a part in the advancement of learning.

Your allusions to the close association of many of My predecessors on the Throne, especially of My august and beloved Mother with the University, are of deep interest, and I shall always feel a lively concern for its welfare.

I am glad to know that with this Commemoration is combined a notable addition to the equipment of the University. It gives Me much pleasure to open these new buildings for the promotion of scientific and higher education. For I am well assured that the further pursuit of these studies will advance the prosperity of this part of My realm and add to the great name and traditions of the University.

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen, humbly desire to offer to Your Majesty a respectful and hearty welcome to Aberdeen.

We remember with pleasure the former occasions on which Your Majesty, when Prince of Wales, visited our ancient City, and we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of renewing to Your Majesty the assurance of our loyalty and attachment.

We also desire to offer a most cordial welcome to Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, who has been graciously pleased to accompany Your Majesty, and to honour with Her presence the ceremony of to-day.

It is a source of much gratification to us that Your Majesty's first visit to Aberdeen since Your accession to the Throne should be associated with the quatercentenary celebrations in connection with our University, and the formal inauguration of the new buildings at Marischal College.

In Your Majesty's presence on this occasion, we recognise the deep and active interest Your Majesty has ever shown in those institutions which have for their object the advancement of scientific study and research, and the diffusion of learning.

We earnestly pray that the blessing of the Almighty may attend Your Majesty and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and that Your Majesty's reign may be long and peaceful, and marked by continued prosperity among all classes of Your subjects.

Given under our City Seal this twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred and six.

(L. S.)

ALEXANDER LYON, Lord Provost.
W. GORDON, Town Clerk.

The King's gracious Reply was as follows:—

On behalf of Myself and the Queen, I thank you heartily for your cordial welcome and your loyal and dutiful address. It gives Me great

pleasure to find Myself once more in your ancient City, and to recall to memory the earlier visits to which you refer.

I rejoice to know by your presence here to-day that the City, amid its commercial development, is proud to be the home of a venerable University, and joins with enthusiasm on this occasion in commemorating its long record of useful service.

Whitehall, September 27, 1906.

The KING was pleased, this day, at Aberdeen, to present to Mr. Robert Munro, a labourer living at Muirton of Dalvey, near Forres, in the county of Elgin, the Albert Medal of the Second Class, conferred upon him by His Majesty's command for gallantry in endeavouring to save life, as detailed below:—

On the 28th April last, Munro and a road foreman named Alexander Ross, and William Morris, the labourer who lost his life, having ceased work for the day on the Earlsmill-road, at Darnaway, were crossing the railway bridge over the Brodie Burn on the Highland Railway on their way home, when they were overtaken by a train travelling on the line of rails next the south parapet of the bridge by which they were walking.

Morris was walking between the rails, and Munro, who was in advance of Morris, but beside the parapet of the bridge and clear of the rails, made a brave endeavour to drag his comrade from the railway track. He had grasped Morris's shoulder, when he was caught by the engine and thrown into the space about five feet wide between the near rail and the parapet of the bridge. Unhappily his brave act has resulted in his being maimed for life.

Whitehall, September 29, 1906.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Captain John George Albert Massy, Royal Irish Regiment, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Osmanieh, conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of his services in the Egyptian Army.

Whitehall, September 29, 1906.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Charles Henry Wray, Esq., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority that he may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the White Elephant, conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam, in recognition of his services whilst employed as an Officer in the Siamese Police Department.