

anxiety respecting the structural deficiencies of the old buildings. Hence the generous offer of Mr. Lancaster, an old pupil, to endow as well as to provide, at his sole cost, a building fully equipped for the most varied and efficient educational work, has given the Governors much exercise in finding terms adequately expressive of their gratitude.

The situation of this institution is peculiarly well adapted for offering higher education to the youth, not alone of the borough of King's Lynn, but of a large area of the county of Norfolk. Geographically, King's Lynn may justly be termed the centre of West Norfolk; the seven lines of railway, which here meet, make it easy of access for students of a population of not less than 100,000 inhabitants to reach the School with the minimum of time and cost.

The curriculum of the School will remain, as hitherto, of the first grade; and whilst that which is to-day termed the modern side of education will receive its full meed of attention, the study of ancient learning will in no wise be neglected.

Your Majesty has, in the past, graciously recognized the successes obtained, not alone by Your Majesty's medallists, but also by many other pupils of the School.

We earnestly pray that this School—the first to be distinguished by Your Royal Title—possessing such increased advantages, may succeed in rearing a still larger number of able and loyal citizens, qualified to develop and strengthen Your Majesty's mighty Empire.

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

I thank you on behalf of The Queen and Myself for your loyal and dutiful Address. It is a great pleasure to Us to open your new School buildings.

You are aware of the deep interest which I have always taken in the public institutions of the county of Norfolk, and in all schools established for the purpose of imparting higher education. It is not easy to over-estimate the far-reaching benefits of the tuition obtained in such an institution as this. The young men of King's Lynn and West Norfolk whom you send out into the world will, throughout their lives, bear traces of the influences which have guided them during their stay in the school. They are at the most impressionable period of life, and the teachings of your masters will remain in their minds even when later experiences are forgotten. You, as Governors of the School, will, I feel sure, exercise the most solicitous care in the direction of the studies of your pupils that they may be able to face the stress of life with an intellectual equipment such as will enable them to hold their own in the world and bear their part in its work and duties with efficiency and to the benefit of others. Nor will, I feel confident, the higher teaching of morality, truth, and self respect be neglected. The traditions of your School, dating back for so many generations, will help to foster those ideals of honour and patriotism which render this country respected in all parts of the world. Wherever they go your pupils will remember not only what they owe to you, but what they owe to England.

These buildings are a proof of the gratitude of one of your pupils for the advantages he received here, and of his mindfulness of the importance of providing for his fellow subjects an education of the highest class. I

know of no nobler use of wealth than its expenditure for the benefit of those who are to follow us, and no greater pleasure than what I trust will fall to the lot of Mr. Lancaster in witnessing some of the results of his splendid example of public spirit and munificence. I pray that the blessing of God may attend the future of your School.

Whitehall, November 5, 1906.

The KING was this day pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to King's Lynn to open the new buildings of King Edward VII Grammar School, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Mr. William John Lancaster, the donor of the School.

Whitehall, November 3, 1906.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Commission under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, to—

Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin Jacob, Earl of Radnor; and

Our trusty and well-beloved:—

William Patrick Byrne, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Principal Clerk in the Office of Our Secretary of State for the Home Department;

Charles Edward Heley Chadwyck-Healey, Esquire, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Charles Edward Henry Hobhouse, Esquire;

Frederick Needham, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, one of the Commissioners in Lunacy;

Horatio Bryan Donkin, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, one of the Commissioners under the provisions of the Prison Act, 1877;

James Craufurd Dunlop, Esquire, Doctor of Medicine, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (Edinburgh), Superintendent of Statistics in the Office of the Registrar-General for Scotland, Inspector under the Inebriates Acts, Assistant to the Medical Adviser to the Prison Commissioners for Scotland;

Henry David Greene, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law;

Harold Nelson Burden, Clerk, Manager of Brenty and other Certified Inebriate Reformatories;

Willoughby Hyett Dickinson, Esquire, Chairman of the National Association for promoting the welfare of the Feeble-Minded;

Charles Stewart Loch, Esquire, Secretary to the Council of the London Charity Organization Society; and

Ellen Frances Pinsent. Greeting!

Whereas We did by Warrants under Our Royal Sign Manual, bearing date the ninth day of September and the seventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and four, and the twenty-seventh day of February and the sixth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and