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Whitehall, November 26, 1908.

The following Addresses were presented to His Majesty on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Eton on Wednesday, the 18th November, for the opening of the Building erected in memory of Etonians who fell in the late South African War:—

May it please Your Majesties,

We, Your Majesties' humble and loyal subjects, the Provost and Fellows and Masters of this Royal College, beg leave to approach Your Majesties with the expression of our deep sense of Your gracious condescension in honouring us, on this occasion with Your Royal presence, and to tender to Your Majesties a most respectful and cordial welcome.

We recognise with special gratitude Your Majesties' kindness in extending Your Royal favour to the ceremony of opening this Building, erected by the liberality of Old Etonians in loving memory of schoolfellows, known or unknown, who have given their lives in the service of their Sovereign and their Country in the late African War.

It is a matter of much congratulation that the opening of a Building so conspicuous and so important, alike from a view of School needs, and from association with solemn and touching memories, should be marked by the special Act of Royal favour, which Your Majesty has so graciously undertaken, and which we have now the honour to invite Your Majesty to perform.

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

"I thank you most heartily on behalf of the Queen and Myself for your loyal address of welcome. My lifelong interest in your famous

foundation is well known to you. I am glad to think that three of My nephews have been educated in this great school, which is so close to Windsor Castle. I have noted every change and improvement in the school, and have watched with constant interest the great work which is carried on within its walls. It is a pleasure to meet you on whom rests the responsibility for the success or failure of that work. I can well understand your justifiable pride in the noble deeds of Old Etonians, and can share both the pride which you must feel in the contemplation of this beautiful memorial building, and the personal sorrows and regrets which it awakes. The brave men in whose memory it is erected will not be forgotten, and their noble example will serve to inspire their successors in the school, and incite them to emulate the courage and devotion which have rendered their names famous.

"The admirable arrangements of the interior of the building, with its great hall, capable of containing a whole school, its library, and its museum, will render it a valuable and beautiful addition to the college, and of permanent utility to future students."

May it please Your Majesties,

We, present Etonians, beg to offer Your Majesties our sincere and humble thanks for Your gracious kindness in being present to-day. Your Majesties' visit to Eton on this occasion, will fix in the memories of the youngest of us a ceremony which must be to all Etonians of deep and lasting interest. To us who are still members of the School, this group of buildings will serve as a memorial, not so much of friends whom we ourselves have lost, as of the gallant