

approach Your Gracious Majesty on the occasion of Your Majesty's visit, accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, in connection with the opening of the Manchester Royal Infirmary and the review of the Territorial Forces of East Lancashire, and we gratefully recognise Your Majesty's condescension in receiving, amidst the numerous engagements of the day, our expressions of welcome to the City.

We desire to be permitted to offer our loyal and earnest wishes for the long life and happiness of Your Majesty.

Given under the corporate common seal of the City of Manchester this 6th day of July, 1909.

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 of Welcome; and I assure you of the pleasure with which I have watched the progress which has taken place in the prosperity of Manchester, in the splendid industrial achievements of her citizens, and in the development of her Public Institutions.

"I am confident that in energy, in perseverance, and in ability the men of Manchester are to-day in no way behind their fathers.

"The welfare of your City will always be an object of My warmest interest."

*Address of the Victoria University of Manchester.*

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

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Court of Governors, Professors and Lecturers, Officers, Graduates and Students of the Victoria University of Manchester humbly crave leave to offer to Your Gracious Majesties, the expression of our devoted loyalty and dutiful attachment.

We recall with particular gratitude the foundation of our University by the Charter granted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria who permitted her revered name to be associated with it, and that the independence enjoyed by the University under the new Charter granted by Your Majesty in 1903 has been accompanied by an extension of its size and influence and by an increased support from our City and the surrounding towns and counties.

Our University is closely associated through its Medical School with the Royal Infirmary which Your Majesties are about to visit. We believe that by the co-operation of a University with a great hospital not only will better provision be made for the care of the sick poor, but medical education will be made more thorough and the knowledge of medical science promoted. Those who are occupied with the study of science, the spread of education, or the care of the sick and suffering, will ever gratefully recognise the unflinching interest shown by Your Majesties in the work carried on in hospitals, medical schools, and laboratories, and particularly in the steps which are being taken to ascertain and remove the causes of disease.

We trust that the result of the efforts of our University, in which Your Majesties have shown so kind an interest, and to which You have given such valued encouragement, may be to train up loyal citizens prepared to render service to their country and its Sovereign, and at the same time

to make contributions to that advancement of learning and science for which we believe Your Majesty's reign will ever be memorable.

In conclusion, we pray that Your reign may be long and peaceful, and that the blessing of Heaven may rest on Your Majesties and all Your Royal House.

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, and for the good wishes you express for Our welfare.

"It is a great pleasure to Me to visit the University which bears the name of My beloved Mother Queen Victoria—a University whose labours are attended with ever increasing success and appreciation, alike in the City of Manchester and in the whole country.

"I rejoice to learn that the funds you require are supplemented by generous gifts and bequests from persons connected with the University and others who know the value of your work, and I trust there will always be found many to recollect that wealth can be employed in no nobler cause. I am glad that in Manchester the cause of learning and research is united with that of practical benevolence, and I doubt not that this fortunate alliance of a great University with a great Hospital will continue, as heretofore, to confer inestimable benefits alike on those who seek in them the fruits of advancing knowledge and enlightenment, and on those who resort to them for relief from suffering and distress.

"I pray that you may be successful in executing the great trust which has been reposed in you, and that God's blessing may attend you in carrying out the noble work which awaits you in this great city."

*Address of the Manchester Royal Infirmary.*

To His Most Excellent Majesty King Edward VII.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

We, the Board of Management of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and the Members of the Honorary Medical Staff, on behalf of the Trustees and Subscribers, humbly approach Your Gracious Majesty gratefully to acknowledge the honour Your Majesty, and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, have conferred upon us by Your Presence to-day, and to express our thanks for Your Royal recognition of our effort to provide an Infirmary adequate for the needs of the City and District for many years to come.

The Royal Infirmary, of which Your Majesty is the Patron, was founded in 1752; and after more than a century and a half of beneficent work, the growing needs of an ever-increasing population made it necessary to transfer its operations to this more extensive and salubrious site.

The New Infirmary has been erected to accommodate 600 patients, but to meet existing requirements equipment has been provided for 483. The estimated cost, inclusive of a portion of the site, is £500,000, £400,000 of which have been provided by the sale of the Old Infirmary site to the Corporation of the City, the balance of £100,000 being raised by voluntary contributions. We have every reason to believe that the estimated cost will not be exceeded, and it is a great satisfaction to us to be able to announce that our resources are undiminished, and that our sole