

products have everywhere enhanced the high reputation of the British manufacturer and workman. Machinery bearing the name of your City is always recognized as the best of its kind, and the industry and enterprise which are the basis of the greatness of the Empire are nowhere better exemplified than in Birmingham.

"I am deeply gratified that My efforts in the cause of peace have aided in the continuance of this prosperous and striking development.

"I am glad to learn that the commercial community have been faithful and generous supporters of the University. I feel assured that your expectations of advantages to be derived from the Faculty of Commerce in training the future captains of industry will be realised, and I trust that the industrial prosperity of Birmingham may continually increase."

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*Address of the University of Birmingham.*

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty and  
to Her Majesty The Queen.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, Your Majesties' loyal and dutiful subjects, the Governors, Graduates, and Students of this University, rejoice that You have consented to grace the opening of these Buildings with Your Royal presence.

Your Majesties are ever ready to encourage and to promote all that contributes to the welfare of humanity; and we, in this place, remember with peculiar delight Your consistent interest in the advancement of learning, and in the progress of the sciences and arts. These Buildings owe their existence to a like interest on the part of many of Your subjects, and it is our earnest desire to realise the intention of our founders and benefactors, and to send forth from our walls men and women well equipped to serve the cause of true education, and to further the material and intellectual well-being of their fellows, throughout Your Majesties' ancient Kingdom and British Dominions beyond the Seas.

Guided by our Chancellor, whose inability to be present on this memorable occasion we deeply regret, we have made no attempt to give an appearance of finality to our present undertaking. Rather do we regard it as capable of indefinite expansion. Whilst the field of scientific research is ever widening, and its discoveries demand yearly a fresh application to the facts of life, the claims of the humaner studies become none the less imperative; and in both these branches of human activity, which can only flourish side by side, we realise the need of continual development. But we believe that the work we have begun, upon which this day Your Majesties set the seal of Your Royal approbation, can confidently be entrusted to the generosity and to the devoted service of the generations that are to come.

Your Majesties' ready response to our humble invitation has filled us with gratitude—especially as You, Sir, are "The Visitor" of our University, under the Charter granted to us by the illustrious and ever beloved Queen Victoria. Your actual Presence affords us the greatest encouragement, and the recollection will act as a stimulus in the future. It is our earnest hope that Your Majesties may be convinced of our hearts' loyalty and love, and may retain a pleasant impression of this visit to our University—a visit to which we have long looked forward, and which we shall not forget.

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 the loyal and dutiful Address of Welcome which you have handed to Me.

"It gives Me special pleasure to open this magnificent building which is a splendid memorial of the generosity and public spirit of the leading citizens of Birmingham.

"No one can regret more than I do that your distinguished fellow-citizen, the Chancellor, is not with us to-day to witness the completion of a scheme which has always been so dear to his heart.

"For the wonderful progress of higher education in this country we have largely to thank the great Universities established in our principal cities. No nobler object for munificence can be found than the provision of the necessary equipment for such education; an equipment which, in view of the diverse and elaborate requirements of modern schemes of instruction, must be costly; but, without which, these schemes, however carefully designed, will prove fruitless.

"Such Institutions as this are of paramount importance in enabling students to obtain in their native city instruction in science and technology, in art and mathematics, which in former days they were compelled to seek in places far distant from their homes, at an expense which, in some instances, they could ill afford. The Universities also foster a wholesome rivalry and encourage the growth of the highest form of public spirit. A man educated at this University will be a better citizen of Birmingham and a better subject of the Empire.

"The Faculties of Science, Arts, Medicine, and Commerce established in this University represent four great branches of Education likely to be of the highest utility to your students.

"To you, gentlemen of the Staff, I have to say that I highly appreciate your disinterested and earnest labours on behalf of the University and the community, and I learn with pleasure that you hold yourselves ready to expand your curriculum as experience may suggest.

"To you, the students, I say that the honour and dignity of this University are largely in your hands, and I look to you to initiate and hand down worthy traditions to your successors.

"I pray that the blessing of God may attend your labours."

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The following Address was presented to The King on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to South Kensington, on Thursday, the 8th July, when His Majesty laid the first stone of the new buildings of the Imperial College of Science and Technology:—

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Governors, Professors, Students, and Staff of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, desire to offer this humble expression of our gratitude for the gracious presence of Your Majesty and of Her Majesty The Queen at the ceremony of laying the first stone of our new buildings.

The Imperial College, founded under a Royal Charter granted by Your Majesty on the 8th of July, 1907, represents the latest, and as we trust, the most effective, development of the great movement towards Scientific and Technical Education which arose out of the Exhibition of 1851.