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FRIDAY, 19 MAY, 1911.

Whitehall, May 15, 1911.

The following Addresses were presented to Their Majesties on the occasion of their visit to the Crystal Palace on Friday, the 12th instant, to open the Festival of Empire:—

CAMBERWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

May it please Your Majesties,

Your Gracious Majesties' most dutiful and loyal subjects, being The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Camberwell, in Council assembled, desire most loyally to welcome Your Majesties to the borough at the opening Concert of the Festival of Empire and Imperial Exhibition at the Crystal Palace.

The route taken by Your Majesties to-day through the ancient Royal Manor of Camberwell passes the new King's College Hospital, on Denmark Hill, the Foundation Stone of which Your Majesty's Royal Father of revered memory was graciously pleased to lay, in July, 1909, and the locality derives its name from Prince George of Denmark, for whom a mansion was built here in the Seventeenth Century, which was inspected by Her Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra and the

Members of the Reigning Family of Denmark upon their visit in 1870.

The route also passes the houses in which John Ruskin wrote many of his famous works, the great musician Mendelssohn composed his "Ode to Spring," and Sir Henry Bessemer ended his life of great public usefulness.

In Dulwich Village, where Robert Browning wrote, are the Almshouses of the College, built and endowed under provisions in the Will of Edward Alleyn, a close friend and associate of William Shakespeare. In the grounds of the Old College is situate the Picture Gallery containing the valuable and world-famed pictures originally collected for the Court of Poland in 1790 by the efforts and energies of Noel Joseph Desenfans, the Polish Consul-General for Great Britain, who afterwards left them to his friend, Sir Francis Bourgeois, by whom they were bequeathed to the College.

The Crystal Palace, where the Festival of Empire is being held, contained the Great Exhibition of 1851, and the removal from Hyde Park and the rebuilding at Sydenham was watched with great personal interest by Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and Your Majesty's Royal Grandfather the Prince Consort, who often drove together over the route Your Majesties have taken to-day.

The Council, as the representatives of a great London Borough, trust that the day is not far distant when the Crystal Palace will belong to