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TUESDAY, 6 MAY, 1913.

Whitehall, May 5, 1913.

The following Addresses were presented to the King on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Crewe on Monday, the 21st April:—

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King
George V. and Queen Mary.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the County Council of the Administrative County of Chester in Council assembled, desire respectfully to approach Your Majesties with feelings of our loyalty and attachment, and to offer to Your Majesties on our behalf and that of the inhabitants of the County Palatine of Chester our heartfelt welcome on this your first visit as King and Queen to the County Palatine, the Earldom of which is one of the titles borne by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

It is with profound pleasure that we have heard of the intention of Your Majesties to visit, in addition to the vast and important Engineering Works of the London and North Western Railway Company, the County Dairy Institute at Worleston, in which cheese-making, one of the staple industries of our County, is taught, and We Beg to tender our sincere thanks for this further sign of the active personal interest which Your Majesties

take in the advancement and prosperity of your Country.

We devoutly pray that every blessing may be bestowed upon Your Majesties, and that you may long be spared to reign over a loyal, contented and prosperous Nation.

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

The Queen and I have received with great pleasure the loyal and dutiful Address which you have presented on behalf of the County Council of Cheshire.

I have not forgotten the historic connection of My Family with your County, or that the title of Earl of Chester is now borne by My dear Son the Prince of Wales.

I have observed with great satisfaction that you have used to the utmost the natural advantages of Cheshire as a pastoral and agricultural County, and I see in your Agricultural College and Dairy Institute evidence of the energy and ability with which you maintain the excellence of your products.

We are grateful to you for your good wishes, and you may be assured that We are interested in all that belongs to your welfare.