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TUESDAY, 7 JULY, 1914.

Whitehall, July 6, 1914.

The following Address was presented to The King on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Shrewsbury for the Royal Agricultural Show, on Friday, the 3rd instant:—

To His Most Excellent Majesty King George the Fifth.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Shrewsbury, humbly desire to offer to Your Majesty a most loyal and dutiful welcome to our ancient borough on the occasion of Your visit to the annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, and to thank Your Majesty for graciously giving us this opportunity of expressing our devotion to Your Throne and Person.

Shrewsbury, in early history a stronghold on the borders of Wales, has been many times visited and favoured by the Kings of England. From several we have received valuable Charters, and to King Edward VI we owe the foundation of our famous school. Former Royal visits were made for the most part in times of strife. To-day Your Majesty graciously honouring us finds our town the peaceful centre of a great agricultural district.

We gratefully acknowledge the encouragement given by Your Majesty to the agricul-

tural industry in our land and are assured that Your visit will be the means of strengthening the loyalty and affection of Your subjects engaged in its pursuit.

We fervently pray that Almighty God may grant to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty our Gracious Queen Mary long life and happiness, and that under Your Majesty's wise rule peace and prosperity may rest upon our Kingdom and Empire.

Given under our Common Seal this third day of July, 1914.

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

I thank you very heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address of welcome.

It gives Me great pleasure to visit your ancient and picturesque town on this interesting occasion. You have recalled the history of Shrewsbury, once the scene of many famous battles memorable in the annals of our country, and now in these happier and quieter days a thriving centre of peaceful pursuits and the home of a great public school.