UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SWANSEA.

To His Most Excellent Majesty King George the Fifth.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the President, the Court of Governors, and the Council of the University College of Swansea, beg to extend to Your Majesty, to Her Majesty the Queen and to Her Royal Highness the Princess Mary, our most loyal and dutiful welcome.

Your Majesty has been graciously pleased, on the advice of the Commission which you appointed to enquire into the state of University Education in Wales, to constitute and incorporate this College by your Royal Charter. We look forward to a Supplemental Charter of the University of Wales, whereby our College will be made a Constituent of the National University, and be enabled to enter into full partnership with the University Colleges at Aberystwyth, Bangor and Cardiff. We count it the highest honour, and the happiest augury, that Your Majesty, the illustrious Chancellor of the University, should visit Swansea to lay the Foundation Stone of our new buildings.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Swansea have most generously granted the unrivalled site upon which we stand. Great sums of money will be needed to provide the buildings and to maintain in them activites worthy of our Charter. Your Majesty, by your presence here to-day, shows a personal approval of our endeavours which cannot fail to help us greatly. We are confident that your gracious action, which encourages us in our labours, will also strengthen the people of the district in their determination to support us generously.

We hold that the Universities have a great mission, and an opportunity greater now than ever before of fulfilling it, given generous support by the State and by all classes of the community. We trust and believe that the buildings which are to rise upon this site will become the home of high ideals and lofty purpose and of unfailing efforts for the advancement of learning, the improvement of industry, and the betterment of civilisation.

We desire humbly to express to Your Majesty our grateful thanks and loyal devotion.

Given under the authority of the Council, this nineteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.

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

We thank you sincerely for the loyal and hearty Address of Welcome which you have presented to us on behalf of the Court of Governors and the Council of the University College of Swansea.

It gives me special pleasure to lay the Foundation Stone of the new building for a University College in Wales. Both I and my father before me have valued highly our connection with the National University, and have watched its development with continuous interest and sympathy. From its first beginnings the University movement in Wales has been a popular movement, and the inspiration and persistence which brought it through great difficulties to a successful issue have been derived from its strong hold upon the imagination of the people of Wales.

Most truly was it said that "where there is no vision the people perish." Without vision the people of Wales would never have had a University: without vision they cannot hope to build up a worthy and enduring structure upon the foundations, now to be, we trust, well and truly laid.

I have been glad to learn that in Swansea you have seen no less clearly than your countrymen in other parts of Wales, and that your College is firmly rooted in the people's earnest desire for Education of the highest type. It is a great encouragement to those who hope for the success of the College to know that all sections of the community are united in its support. I am confident that the money which is needed for its equipment and maintenance will be speedily provided by the public spirit of the people of Swansea. Let us hope that all will alike derive advantage from its work, and that every home in the Swansea Area may, sooner or later, feel its beneficent influence.

The future prosperity—indeed the existence of commerce and industry—will depend more and more upon the high standard of training and intelligence in all who direct their operations. The race will be to the highly trained, the battle to the well-equipped.

It is, I know, your ambition to make the College a great School of Technology, giving special attention to the problems of the metallurgical industries for which the District is renowned. You also propose to provide for the needs of your shipping and commercial interests, and this will, no doubt, involve a study both of the languages and civilisations of the foreign countries with which they trade. You further intend not to neglect what are known as the Arts Studies, which form so important a part of liberal education, and may find a promising field in the extra-mural work of the College. In these days we are learning that it is not enough for a University to open its doors wide: it must also help to bring new opportunities for serious study to the very doors of the people.

The realisation of such a widely conceived programme should give the College a genuine University atmosphere, in which teachers and students with various interests will be brought together. In this daily intercourse with one another they will find their best safeguard from the danger of too one-sided or material an outlook. Efficiency is much, but it is not all. We must never forget that Education is a preparation for life, and that its true aim is the enlargement of the human spirit. It will be the task of your College to send out into the world men and women, fully equipped for the material work which awaits them, and with minds attuned to high ideals, opened to the rich and varied interests of modern life, and steadfastly set towards the service of their fellows.

The following Addresses were presented to The King on the occasion of the opening of the North and South Wales Sanatoria of the Welsh National Memorial Association:—

NORTH WALES ADDRESS.

We, the Board of Governors, Council and Officers of the King Edward VII. Welsh National Memorial Association, and with us the Representatives of the County and County Borough Councils, and other bodies in North Wales, offer to Your Majesties on your visit to this beautiful part of our beloved Country an enthusiastic welcome.