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TUESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1925.

Whitehall, June 11, 1925.

The following Addresses were presented to the KING on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Stoke-on-Trent on the 5th instant:—

STOKE-ON-TRENT CORPORATION.

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN.

The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Mayor, Alderman and Burgesses of the County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent in Council Assembled.

May it Please Your Majesties:—

We, Your Majesties dutiful and loyal subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Stoke-on-Trent, in Council assembled, humbly offer to your Majesties our glad and loyal welcome to this Borough.

We gratefully recognise in this visit of Your Majesties a further signal mark of Your Majesties' keen solicitude in the welfare of your subjects, and we crave leave to express our heartfelt thanks for such an acknowledgment of your Royal favour.

We heartily rejoice that Your Majesty is again restored to health and vigour and pray that you will be able to continue your efforts for the welfare of the Empire and your subjects with the same energy as in the past.

The foundation stone of the present North Staffordshire Infirmary was laid by His late Majesty King Edward VII in the year 1866, then His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

We deeply appreciate Your Majesties' ever ready, kind, and sympathetic interest in

schemes for the alleviation of suffering and sickness, and we regard Your Majesties' present visit for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new extensions to the Institution as a happy augury for the success of the Scheme.

Your Majesties' visit to the County Borough in 1913 on the occasion of the opening of the Pottery Exhibition is vividly remembered by many of the inhabitants of the Borough and the continued interest at all times displayed by Your Majesties in one of the staple industries of the Borough—the Pottery Industry—is a source of gratification and pleasure to us.

With renewed assurances of our dutiful loyalty to Your Majesties and Your Royal house, we humbly pray that every happiness may in future attend Your Majesties and that you may be long spared to reign over this mighty Empire.

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

On behalf of the Queen and myself I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address and enthusiastic welcome. We are glad to learn that the people of Stoke-on-Trent retain so happy a recollection of our visit to the Potteries twelve years ago, and it gives us great pleasure to come here again.

The welfare of the Hospitals of our country is very near to my heart. To-day's ceremony has a further interest because of my dear Father's association with the North Staffordshire Infirmary. The town of Stoke-on-Trent has never been backward in the relief of the