

We crave leave to thank Your Majesties for coming amongst us to open the new Buildings of the Bristol University which form a fitting capstone to the other Educational Advantages which have been built up in our midst; and whilst we have always remembered with feelings of gratitude Your Majesties' former visits to our City we respectfully look upon Your Gracious presence here to-day as a further proof of Your Goodwill.

Your Majesties' Munificent works of Charity, Your unflinching sympathies with distress, and the deep and abiding interest which Your Majesties have ever shown in all things relating to the welfare of Your Empire and Your people both at home and abroad have endeared Your Majesties to Your Subjects all over the world and have knitted a life-long bond between You and them such as no Nation has ever known.

It is our humble prayer that Your Majesties may be spared for many years to reign over a united and happy people, and that the blessing of peace and prosperity may rest upon our land.

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

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address and for the warmth and cordiality of your welcome.

The Queen and I retain pleasant recollections of our previous visits to your City and we are happy to think that these are still remembered by the people of Bristol. It is especially gratifying to come here again to-day and inaugurate the new buildings of Bristol University and I heartily congratulate the Corporation and Citizens upon these magnificent buildings. The private generosity which has made their erection possible is a convincing proof that the race of pious founders and benefactors did not become extinct in England with the passing of the Middle Ages.

I know that the advance of education is a traditional virtue in Bristol: and that the great merchants of the 16th Century and afterwards, who made the City famous in exploration and trade, were also great founders of schools. But over a century ago, educational zeal somewhat declined in Bristol as elsewhere. It is a most happy omen for the future of your City that the marked revival in its trade and prosperity during the last 40 years has been accompanied by a revival of learning and of liberality in the endowment of education.

At one time it was thought that a University town was the seat of a University and nothing else, and people would have seen something incongruous in the idea of a University being placed in a great commercial and manufacturing town like Bristol. But it has been the most characteristic feature in the modern development of higher education that the newer Universities have been founded in busy and populous centres. I am convinced that this is in the best interests of both learning and business and that the interaction of the two is stimulating and helpful to each other.

I shall always retain a warm interest in the well-being and prosperity of your City: my earnest prayer is that its commerce and industry may long continue to flourish, and that the Divine Blessing may rest alike upon the life and activities of the City and University of Bristol.

## UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.

May it Please Your Majesties:—

We, the Court, Convocation and whole body of Members of this your University of Bristol humbly desire to bid Your Majesties welcome to the University and to express our loyal and joyful thanks for your gracious acceptance of our request that you would honour the opening of these Buildings with your Royal presence.

We venture to remind Your Majesties that the Charter which was granted to us sixteen years ago by the illustrious and beloved King Edward the Seventh, and under which, Sir, you are our Visitor, incorporated this University "for the promotion of Arts, Sciences and Learning," and we have striven to achieve the lofty aim thus set before us. It is our happy lot and duty to cultivate and encourage learning both by imparting knowledge to those who seek it, and not less by providing facilities for its development through maturer study and research. It is equally our duty and equally our happy lot so to unite in a common life and so to inspire with a single ideal persons whose fortunes in life have been unequal and whose occupations after they leave us will be diverse that we may breed in them mutual understanding and respect and the spirit of fellowship, and thus send out in each succeeding year men and women fitted both by knowledge and by trained sympathy to do good service to their country and to mitigate the acerbities which are a consequence of ignorance. Nor are the duties of any University now bounded by its walls. We are conscious of the appeals for assistance justly made by those whom circumstances prevent from giving more than their hard-earned leisure, and sometimes but the evening of their lives, to the search for knowledge. We are conscious too that it is incumbent upon us to bring science to the aid of industry, and in this region particularly to the aid of that most ancient and fundamental industry of agriculture in which Your Majesties take so keen and so expert an interest.

Your Majesties are ever ready to encourage all that promotes sound learning, social harmony, and the general prosperity of your subjects, and it is therefore in confident hope of your Royal approval that we submit to you, as evidence that we have faithfully striven to fulfil the duties committed to us, the fact that we receive the generous support, not only of this City of Bristol and its citizens, but also of the Cities of Bath and Gloucester and of the three counties, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wilts.

The Buildings which Your Majesties grace by your presence to-day, will, we believe, remain so long as stone endures one of the architectural glories of your reign. Erected in memory of the Founder of the University, our first Chancellor, they are a monument at once of the munificence and of the filial piety of the donors, one of whom, alas! has not lived to see this auspicious day. It is our confident hope that they may through each succeeding generation insensibly draw by their beauty the souls of the young into conformity with the beauty of reason as do the buildings of Your Majesties' ancient Universities in this realm.

That Your Majesties may through many happy years see Learning and the Arts ever more increase and flourish among your people and that you may be convinced of our fidelity