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Whitehall, April 26, 1927.

The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the King George V Wing of the King Edward VII Hospital for Windsor at Windsor on the 20th April, 1927:—

KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL FOR WINDSOR.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, The President, Chairman, Governors, and Committee of King Edward VII. Hospital for Windsor and the surrounding districts, desire to offer to Your Majesties on this important occasion a loyal and respectful welcome and to express our profound gratitude for the high honour done us by Your Majesties' presence to open the new part of this Hospital, which Your Majesty has graciously allowed us to name "The King George V Wing."

This Hospital as Your Majesties know was established on the foundations of St. Peter's Hospital and is called after our great benefactor His Late Majesty King Edward VII, who laid the commemoration stone on June 22nd, 1908, when Your Majesties were present. The first portion of the Hospital was opened in 1909 and since then the increased population of the large area served by the Hospital, together with the insistent demands of medical science for fuller and better equipment, made it necessary to make extensive additions to the original building. The X-ray department and Pathological Laboratory were provided in 1910, the Mary Elliman Ward for Women and the Helena Ward for Children in 1913, and the Orthopaedic Annexe was opened by H.R.H.

Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles) in May 1918. The Nurses Quarters of which the foundation stone was laid by Her Majesty The Queen in April 1924, were declared opened by our President, H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, in November of that year.

Even with these added premises the accommodation for male patients was so inadequate that early in 1926 the Committee were compelled to commence the new building, which Your Majesty is about to open to-day, and our accommodation will then be 50 beds for men, 40 for women, 20 for children and 15 private wards for patients of small means, making a total of 125 beds.

The cost of the new Wing including equipment, furniture and linen amounted to £11,780, and we are happy to inform Your Majesties that the whole amount has been found and subscribed by the benevolence of the friends of the Hospital and that it will be opened by Your Majesty free of debt. Even with this extra wing we are faced with the necessity of making provision at an early date for a new Nurses Hostel Annexe, so as to enable the Committee to provide more beds for women and children and to release rooms in the main building to meet the ever growing demand for private wards.

We are very grateful to Your Majesty for the generous donation that you make to our fund year by year, and the presence of Your Majesties here to-day shows once more Your constant interest in the work of the Hospital which will be an inspiring and stimulating encouragement to us all to discharge our duties to Your Majesties' satisfaction.