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The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the opening of the new Civic Hall at Leeds by His Majesty on the 23rd August, 1933:—

LEEDS CORPORATION.

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES KING GEORGE V. AND QUEEN MARY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTIES,

We the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Leeds desire to approach Your Majesties with every assurance of our unabated loyalty and dutiful homage and to offer to you a heartfelt welcome to our City.

We bear in grateful memory the former occasions on which we have had the honour of welcoming Members of the Royal Family to Leeds, assembled as we are in the very building which the late Queen Victoria was graciously pleased to open nearly 75 years ago.

In particular we recall with sincere pleasure that memorable occasion when in 1894 Your Majesties as Duke and Duchess of York conferred on the City the great honour of opening the New Hall and Library and School of Medicine of the Yorkshire College which ten years later was granted the status of a University by Royal Charter.

It is a source of great satisfaction to us that the object of Your Majesties' presence here to-day should be to open the Civic Hall which has been erected to meet the requirements of the ever increasing activities of the

Corporation. In expressing our gratitude and thanks that Your Majesties have graciously consented to visit Leeds we feel sure that this further manifestation of Your Majesties' deep and continuing interest in our citizens and all that pertains to their welfare will inspire zeal and enthusiasm in those responsible for the government of the City.

In conclusion we fervently pray that health, happiness and every blessing may be vouchsafed to Your Majesties and that you may be spared for many years to reign over Your loyal and devoted subjects.

To which address His Majesty was pleased to return the following Gracious Answer:—

On behalf of the Queen and myself I thank you very sincerely, my Lord Mayor, for your loyal and dutiful address.

We recall with pleasure our first visit in 1894 to Leeds in connection with the Yorkshire College. Ten years later the College was raised to the status of a University, whose remarkable extension and progress bear striking testimony to the zeal and energy of its authorities and to the public spirit and generosity of its benefactors.

Seventy-five years ago my beloved Grandmother opened this fine old Town Hall. It gives me much pleasure to come here to-day to open the new Civic Hall, which has been built to provide long-needed accommodation for the municipal work of your city.

The root of good government is a live and active civic spirit. Your new Hall will, I