

implemented, and we believe that Your Majesties will be pleased to know that the spirit of mutual helpfulness in which negotiations are now being pursued promises well for the future of the industry.

For many years, prior to Your Majesty's accession to the throne, Your Majesty's deep interest in and eminent services to the cause of Industrial Welfare have earned the admiration and gratitude of the Nation. It knows how profound and abiding is your anxiety that everything that can be done to ensure safety and amenities for workers shall be done. In this connection the colliery owners of this area would beg to assure Your Majesties of their desire and determination to do everything possible to protect the lives of the men engaged in what is by its nature a hazardous occupation.

They believe that Your Majesties will be interested to know of the institution of organised classes in the district to teach youths the principles and practice of safety in mines. Success has attended the inception of this work and it is being energetically extended and developed.

The members of the Association believe also that Your Majesties will welcome their decision to subscribe annually a sum of £5,000 towards the cost of maintaining a special Department at the University College of South Wales where the science of mining and cognate subjects will be taught and such research undertaken as will promote still greater technical efficiency and human well-being in the industry.

It will also afford Your Majesties pleasure and satisfaction to know that discussions are proceeding to implement the contributory pensions scheme decided upon jointly by the colliery owners and the Miners' Federation to celebrate the Jubilee of the reign of Their revered Majesties King George V. and Queen Mary.

The colliery owners most fervently hope that Your Majesties will accept their humble expressions of loyalty and their assurance that Your Majesties' presence in the South Wales Coalfield will bind yet more closely the hearts of the mining population to Your Majesties and other members of Your Royal Family.

They earnestly pray that it may please Almighty God to spare Your Majesties for many years to come, and to grant that Your rule over the peoples of your Commonwealth and Empire may be richly blessed.

We have the honour to be,

Your Majesties' most humble and loyal
servants,

The Monmouthshire and South Wales Coal
Owners' Association.

W. B. DAVIES, Chairman.

EVAN WILLIAMS, President of the
Owners' Representatives on the
Conciliation Joint Board.

FINLAY A. GIBSON,

IESTYN R. WILLIAMS,

Joint Secretaries.

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

The Queen and I have received with great pleasure and interest the Address of the Monmouthshire and South Wales Coal Owners'

Association. I have been only too well aware of the widespread and lamentable effects of the years of depression through which your great industry has been passing, and I am profoundly thankful for the signs of better times in the South Wales Coal Trade which are now manifesting themselves. I am not entirely unfamiliar with life in the Welsh Colliery Districts, for not long ago, as President of the Industrial Welfare Society, I made a tour of some of these areas. I was then able to see for myself something of the conditions prevailing in the mining villages, and also, by descending one of the pits, to appreciate what the work of a miner entails. I am therefore particularly pleased to learn of the concern of your members to secure a greater measure of safety for colliery workers, and to improve the conditions under which they and their families live.

In thanking your members for their loyal Address, the Queen and I join with them in earnest hope that your great industry may look forward to a new era of prosperity and contentment.

14th July, 1937.

SOUTH WALES INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS.

TO THEIR MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTIES KING
GEORGE VI AND QUEEN ELIZABETH.

May it please Your Most Gracious Majesties,

On the occasion of Your visit to the City of Cardiff the members of The South Wales Institute of Engineers desire to assure Your Majesties of their devotion to Your Royal House and to Your Throne.

They would like to have it known to Your Majesties that The South Wales Institute of Engineers was founded in the year 1857, and that her revered Majesty Queen Victoria was graciously pleased to grant to the Institute a Royal Charter of Incorporation in 1881.

When Their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra visited Cardiff on July 13th, 1907, his Majesty was graciously pleased to accept an address of welcome from this Institute.

In June 1912 Their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary visited this city, and His Majesty in acknowledging the loyal and dutiful Address from this Institute was graciously pleased to say that there could be no more praiseworthy object to them than the spreading and increasing the knowledge by which the difficulties of mining may be overcome and its perils avoided.

The principal objects and aims of the Institute have been the advancement of Engineering Science and Practice; the exchange of information amongst its members; the placing on record of the results of experience, and the prevention of accidents in mines and works.

The Institute has had a great deal to do with the development of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Coal Fields, as regards Collieries, Iron and Steel Works, Railways and Docks, and when explosions have unfortunately happened in the Coal Fields, the members of this Institute have been foremost in facing danger, to rescue the living and recover the dead.