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Whitehall, October 29th, 1954.

The following Address was presented to The QUEEN on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Sheffield University on the 27th instant:—

TO HER MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Members of the University of Sheffield, wish humbly to express our loyalty to Your Majesty and to offer you, our Visitor, a most hearty welcome.

The present Session will see the completion of the fiftieth year since Your Majesty's great-grandfather, King Edward VII, granted the Royal Charter whereby University College, Sheffield, became the University of Sheffield, and, a few weeks thereafter, came in person with Queen Alexandra to open the building in which we are now met and to greet the new University which he had thus founded. Four years later Your Majesty's grandfather, King George V, then Prince of Wales, honoured us by coming to open our Library, which had been provided by the bounty of a generous citizen, and accepted the Degree of Doctor of Letters; and we have since been honoured and encouraged by visits from other members of Your Majesty's Royal House.

Despite the disturbances of two world wars and the industrial uncertainties of the period between them, the number of full-time students has grown nearly twentyfold since our Charter was granted. Our buildings are much larger and the range of studies and the volume of research carried on within our walls has grown immensely. We believe that there has been a great increase in the contribution of this University to our nation and to the world of learning.

We rejoice that, thus early in your Reign, Your Majesty and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh have graced our University by this visit to inaugurate the celebrations that mark our Jubilee Session; and we read in this the happiest augury for the future. We pray that your Reign may be long, prosperous and peaceful; and that Your Majesty may have the happiness of seeing the ties between Crown and people, already close, grow ever stronger as the years go by.

Given under the Common Seal of the University, This twenty-seventh day of October, 1954.

(Signed) Halifax,
Chancellor.

J. M. Whittaker,
Vice-Chancellor.

H. F. B. Stephenson.
Gerard Young,
Pro-Chancellors.

Arthur W. Chapman.
Registrar.

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

Mr. Chancellor,

I thank you, and the members of the University, for your loyal Address and for your warm welcome to me and my husband. I am glad to have the opportunity of continuing the association of my family with the University and to see for myself something of the great progress made since my great-grandfather opened this building nearly fifty years ago. Your achievement has been worthy of the hopes expressed on that occasion and gives strong assurance for the future.

The generosity of those few from whose efforts this University has grown has been matched to-day by the numerous contributions towards the cost of recent extensions to these buildings. This is a practical proof of the esteem in which Sheffield is held. It shows a widening recognition not only of the part which the University has to play in the advancement of Science and its application to productive processes, but also of the importance of a liberal education to all who can benefit by it.

In this present age there is a growing necessity for men and women to take with them into life something of that store of human wisdom which may be acquired within a University. I am sure that here in Sheffield University, with its confident grasp of the scientific and technological subjects in which it is specially distinguished, every opportunity is also taken to foster and encourage this unwritten knowledge.

My husband and I are greatly enjoying our visit to the West Riding where we have been received and welcomed so generously and where we have already seen examples of the energy, imagination and high standards of quality in industrial production for which Yorkshire has long been famous. To-day I have watched with particular pleasure the display of loyalty and affection by the schoolchildren, some of whom will one day take their place among you; they and all those who live and work in these great industrial centres benefit from the skill and knowledge which is nourished in this University.

I am glad to be able to attend these celebrations to mark your Jubilee Session, which it gives me great pleasure to inaugurate.

Crown Office, House of Lords, S.W.1.

28th October, 1954.

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 28th day of October, 1954, to appoint John Percy Ashworth, Esquire, M.B.E., Honorary Major in the Army, to be one of the Justices of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.