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On the occasion of the visit to Oxford on Friday, 4th November, of Her Majesty The QUEEN, who was accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, the Chancellor of the University and the Public Orator of the University delivered the following Addresses at a Special Convocation in the Sheldonian Theatre.

### *The Chancellor said:*

Madam, it gives me personally the greatest pleasure, as Your Majesty's First Minister, to have the double honour of being here today in my other and more secure capacity as Chancellor of the University—to welcome Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness on behalf of the University. But for the timely intervention of Prince Andrew, I believe that your visit might have taken place at some earlier time, before I had the good fortune to be elected Chancellor. The postponement, for reasons which delighted us all, has brought me the welcome duty of presiding over Convocation on this historic occasion. I shall add my own tribute to the Public Orator's and shall—alas—mark the decline in learning by venturing to underline in the vernacular some of the sentiments so admirably expressed by him in the Latin tongue.

As the Public Orator has recalled, the last time on which Your Majesty visited Oxford was when you accepted in this very place a Doctorate of Civil Law conferred by Diploma. But this is the first occasion on which we, in this University, have been able to welcome Your Majesty since your Accession to the Throne. We are delighted to welcome also on this occasion Your Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh whose association with Oxford as an Honorary Fellow of University College is already close and we hope may become closer.

The last occasion on which a reigning Sovereign visited Oxford was in October 1946 when King George VI, accompanied by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, came here to open the New Bodleian. The New Bodleian, for which the University owes so much to the Rockefeller Foundation, has ceased to be the solitary portent which it then appeared, and on this occasion Your Majesty will see a whole crop of new buildings in various styles, in various stages of development, serving a great variety of scientific and even occasionally humanistic purposes. In addition, Your Majesty will be very conscious, as any visitor to Oxford must be, of all that is being done with the help of the Historic Buildings Appeal, not least in this building itself in which we are now and in the neighbouring buildings, Duke Humphrey's Library and the Divinity School.

Your Majesty's present visit springs in large measure from the interest which Your Majesty has expressed in the education of women at Oxford. Women students are increasing. In 1939 there were 876 in residence—today there are 1,221. They've never had it so good. Last year women's colleges received the full status of colleges and the Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, whom you will meet, Madam, later this afternoon, has been appointed Oxford's first woman Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

The new College of St. Anne's which Your Majesty will visit is rapidly assuming the same residential character as its four predecessors. Having completed its library, common rooms and hall, it is now in a position, thanks to a recent and most generous benefaction, to make a start with its first residential block.

I am informed by statisticians that more women graduates are marrying, and women as a whole are marrying younger. There is at the same time an increasing need for women graduates in the professions. This enhances the need for University education for women. If I may be allowed to say so without impertinence the art of combining public with family life is one in which Your Majesty sets us all a shining example.

This afternoon Your Majesty will lay the foundation stone of St. Catherine's College in Holywell Great Meadow. This, like other colleges, will be residential in character. Half its undergraduates will be reading science and there will be a considerably higher proportion of scientists upon the governing body. But I have been instructed to say that humanists will be tolerated, even welcomed.

This is a great day for us, a memorable day, and we hope it will be an interesting one for Your Majesty and Your Royal Highness. We thank you for coming to spend the day with us and we ask you from our hearts to accept the expression of our loyalty and affection.

### *The Public Orator said:*

Regina Augustissima, certa Britannici nominis copula, tuque, Dux Excelsissime, validum uxoris regnique adminiculum; nequiquam disputant viri eruditi quid sibi velit 'pseudo-Lucilianum illud quo regibu' trullam?

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