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THE following Address was presented to Their Majesties The King and Queen by Sir Percy Bates, Baronet, G.B.E., Chairman of Cunard White Star Limited, on the occasion of the launching by The Queen of the Cunard White Star liner "Queen Mary" from the shipyard of John Brown & Company Limited, at Clydebank, on the 26th September 1934:—

"YOUR MAJESTIES,—

On behalf of my fellow Directors and myself, and of all those connected with the building of this great ship, I beg to offer to Your Majesty and the Queen a hearty welcome to Olydeside, and to express our gratitude to Your Majesties for coming here to-day.

Your Majesties' presence on this memorable occasion is a symbol of the appeal that enterprise and faith always make to this country, which remains ever young although so old.

Those qualities have brought us through our difficulties from the first beginnings of our story, and while they are needed now no less than before, our constant possession of them makes our future sure.

Your Majesties realise as fully as any of your subjects the strains and stresses which

test us to-day in every aspect of life; and on the sea which means for this island the very artery of our existence, the general dislocation of the world has made itself felt in a very special degree. British shipping of all kinds has been going, and still is going, through a period of acute crisis: and the right attitude on our part is surely neither to complain nor to acquiesce, but to take the course of true confidence and adventure. That, Your Majesties, is the justification and inspiration of this new ship, and her launching by Her Majesty the Queen is the happiest send-off for her on her high mission."

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

"I thank you for your loyal Address of Welcome to us.

As a sailor, I have deep pleasure in coming here to-day, to watch the launching by the Queen of this great and beautiful ship.

The sea, with her tempests, will not readily be bridled: she is stronger than man; yet in recent times man has done much to make the struggle with her more equal.

It is still less than a hundred years since Samuel Cunard founded his service of small wooden paddle-steamers for the carrying of the Mails across the Atlantic to America. Those first Cunard ships were of eleven