

receive these and similar warm congratulations from all parts of My Empire on the completion of the Fiftieth Year of My Reign.

"I rejoice in the evidence it affords that My subjects, though scattered in various parts of the world, continue closely bound together in their hearts by ties of mutual sympathy and by that steadfast loyalty to My Throne for which the City of London and its Lieutenants have always been conspicuous."

Whitehall, May 12, 1887.

THE following Addresses were presented to His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, who, as representing Her Majesty The Queen, opened the Royal Mining, Engineering, and Industrial Exhibition at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on 11th May, 1887.

To His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, K.G., &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in Council assembled, respectfully offer to Your Royal Highness the cordial welcome of an ancient Corporation.

We desire to renew the assurance of our devoted loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to the Royal Family, of which Your Royal Highness is so distinguished a member; and to express our warm feelings of gratification and pleasure that Your Royal Highness, representing Her Majesty, graciously honours Newcastle with a visit in this the Jubilee Year of Her Majesty's most glorious reign, and associates an event so memorable in the history of our city, with the opening, on behalf of Her Majesty, of the Newcastle Royal Mining, Engineering, and Industrial Exhibition—an undertaking in which we are deeply concerned, and which we sincerely believe will advance the interests of the large commercial and manufacturing district of which Newcastle is the centre.

We trust that Your Royal Highness may long be spared to fulfil the duties of Your exalted station; and we earnestly pray that the blessing of God may ever rest upon our gracious and beloved Queen, on Your Royal Highness, and on all the Members of Your Royal House.

Given under our Corporate Seal this 29th day of April, 1887.



Benjamin Chapman Browne,
Mayor.
William Haswell Stephenson,
Sheriff.
Hill Motum, Town Clerk.

To which His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, on behalf of Her Majesty, gave the following Most Gracious Answer:—

"IN behalf of the Queen, whom I have the honour to represent this day, I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address on the occasion of opening the admirable Exhibition, which you have associated with the commemoration of the Fiftieth Year of Her Majesty's reign.

"Her Majesty recognizes with great satisfaction the loyalty and good feeling of this ancient Corporation, and feels confident that the zeal and energy which has organized this Exhibition, and has raised this city to its present high commercial importance, will always continue to animate their minds to the future advancement of their wealth and prosperity.

"I am much gratified with the warm manner in which you have received Me, and I heartily offer you My best wishes for the success of this Exhibition and the welfare of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne."

To His Royal Highness The DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, K.G., &c.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

WE, the Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Executive Council, and Committees of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Royal Mining, Engineering, and Industrial Exhibition (International and Colonial), in this Jubilee Year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, desire to express our most grateful acknowledgments of the deep interest which Her Majesty and Your Royal Highness have been graciously pleased to take in our undertaking, and our warm feelings of gratification and pleasure that Your Royal Highness, representing Her Majesty, graciously honours us with this visit, and by performing, on behalf of Her Majesty, the inaugural ceremony of to-day.

The undertaking which Her Majesty and Your Royal Highness have so honoured is one in which this district is deeply concerned, and to promote the success of which all classes of the community have spared no efforts.

The Exhibition is ready for your Royal Highness's inspection, and will be found to contain most important and valuable Exhibits of the Industries, Manufactures, and Products of this and other Countries. The Exhibits relating to Mining are varied and extensive, and are especially interesting, including a complete full-sized working model of a Coal Mine. The Fine Art Galleries contain a large and valuable Loan Collection of Works of Art, including two very generously lent by Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen. And there is among the rare and varied contents of the building many splendid and interesting objects selected from the possessions of Her Majesty, and of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. The reproduction of the Old Tyne Bridge of the last century is also worthy of attention.

We believe that our undertaking will be productive of the most beneficial results in extending commercial industry and developing trade and manufacture, and we shall ever remember the kindness of Her Majesty and Your Royal Highness in assisting our efforts to attain these results.

We desire to tender our dutiful expression of devoted loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, and we earnestly pray that every blessing may attend Your Royal Highness.

Dated this 11th day of May, 1887.

President.

To which His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge, on behalf of The Queen, returned the following Most Gracious Answer:—

"IT gives Me great pleasure to be permitted to represent The Queen on the opening of this interesting Exhibition, and in Her Majesty's behalf, I am to thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"The Queen has never ceased to take a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare and happiness of Her People, and Her Majesty gladly recognizes in the organization of this Exhibition conspicuous evidence of the progress of Engineering and of Industrial Skill and Science.

"It is impossible not to admire greatly the splendid collection of objects, I see this day, brought together to illustrate the Manufacturing