

granted a most important Charter to the town, conferring great powers thereupon. In 1264 King Henry III and his son, Prince Edward, visited the town. King Edward the II, about 1322, visited the town with his army. In 1422 King Henry V granted a Charter to the town. In 1466 King Edward IV confirmed the Charter. In 1483, King Richard III also confirmed the said Charter. In the year 1553 Queen Mary granted the town a Charter. On January 13, 1585, Mary Queen of Scots stayed a night in Derby. In 1624 James I and Prince Charles were also a night in the town, and the king confirmed the old town Charters. In 1635 and 1641 King Charles I visited Derby, and in 1637 that monarch granted it a Charter, and in or about 1680-82 King Charles II granted the town our present and latest Charter.

Returning with especial pleasure and pride to the ever-to-be-remembered event of this day, we crave permission to express our gratitude for Your Majesty's kindly interest in one of the greatest and most important of our public charities—that of our Infirmary, on whose past work we look with pardonable pride and gratitude, and to whose future ministry we look forward with much regard and confidence.

We beg to assure Your Majesty that the memory of this occasion will be cherished with pleasure and satisfaction in the annals of our Borough and County, and we pray that, with the Divine assistance, the new building, to whose commencement Your Majesty has this day accorded Your gracious favour and welcome presence, may continue to dispense healing and succour to many generations yet to come. We venture to express our confidence that the sentiments of loyalty, gratitude, and pride associated with this auspicious beginning will furnish a powerful incentive to the furtherance of that work of mercy and humanity which is at once a public duty as well as a public privilege.

To this recognition of the special services rendered by Your Majesty's visit to our town, it is not unfitting that we should append some general expression of the deep and cordial sentiments of loyalty which animate us as Your humble subjects.

The county of Derby, whose chief town we represent, has, we hope and venture to believe, never failed to furnish its due quota of favoured and trusty servants for the defence of Your Majesty's Realm, as well as for counsel and assistance in the arduous duties connected with the governance of this wide and glorious Empire, in the history of which Your Majesty's happy reign forms the latest and most illustrious page; and we confidently hope that the future will show no diminution in that sense of public duty and loyal attachment to the person of Your Majesty and the interests of the realm which we humbly claim for our borough and county in the past.

Not a few of those present to day will remember the enthusiasm and affection evoked on the occasion of Your Majesty's passage through the town in 1843 and 1849 in company with Your Majesty's illustrious and lamented Consort, and of the subsequent visit nineteen years ago of their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales.

In the name of the whole body of loyal inhabitants of this Borough we embrace this opportunity of humbly expressing our sense of the many blessings we have enjoyed during Your Majesty's long and glorious reign; and we earnestly pray that life and those marvellous powers of body and mind vouchsafed to you by Divine Providence

may long be preserved, and that Your Majesty may continue to preside over the destinies of this nation for many prosperous years to come.

Given under the Common Seal of the Corporation of Derby, this 21st day of May, 1891.

(Signed) *Alfred Seale Haslam,*
Mayor of the Borough.

H. F. Gadsby, Town Clerk.
(Presented by The Mayor.)

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

"I HAVE received with much pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address, and I highly appreciate the cordial welcome which has been accorded to Me by My faithful People of Derby.

"It is with sincere satisfaction that I observe how largely your ancient borough shared in the general prosperity and progress of My Kingdom, and I feel encouraged in meeting the responsibilities that devolve on Me when I know I have the hearty support of My faithful Subjects.

"Although I am glad to be here to-day, I cannot but feel the greatest sorrow, which I am sure is shared by you all, at the death of Lord Edward Cavendish, who was so universally beloved. I condole most sincerely with his father and his family, and regret that this sad event has deprived us of the presence of Lord Hartington on this occasion."

The following Addresses were presented to the Queen, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Derby, beg to offer to Your Majesty the expression of our deep loyalty and devotion on the occasion of Your visit to this ancient and loyal town.

In common with all the inhabitants of the Town and County of Derby, we gratefully recognize in the act which Your Majesty graciously performs to-day at the County Hospital an instance of that personal interest in all that concerns the health and well-being of Your people, which has ever distinguished Your Majesty's beneficent Reign.

We thankfully acknowledge the many great blessings and privileges which, through Divine Providence, have been secured to this nation during Your Majesty's Reign, and we pray that Your rule over the Empire may be long continued.

With every feeling of profound fealty and attachment to Your Throne and Person, we are Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects and servants.

A. Seale Haslam, Mayor.

John Bailey, J.P.

Wm. Harvey Whiston, Clerk to the Justices.
(Presented by Mr. J. Bailey.)

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Council of Derbyshire, humbly tender to Your Majesty our grateful thanks for having so graciously acceded to the request that Your Majesty would lay the foundation stone of the Derbyshire New General Infirmary. We beg to assure Your Majesty that we deeply feel the honour that Your visit will confer on us, and on all classes of the inhabitants of our county; and we are very sensible of the benefits which the Infirmary will derive from Your Majesty's gracious presence and support.