

material, moral, and intellectual progress which will ever be associated with Your name.

Signed on behalf of the Derby Chamber of Commerce, this 21st day of May, 1891.

*Herbert M. Holmes*, President.

*A. Seale Haslam*, Vice-President.

(Presented by Mr. H. M. Holmes.)

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Representatives of the Friendly Societies in this Borough, beg to approach Your Majesty with the most profound respect for Your Throne and Person.

We hail with the utmost pleasure and interest Your visit to Derby on an occasion of such supreme importance to the industrial population of this town and county as the laying of the foundation stone of the building of one of our noblest institutions which confers such great benefits on the class to which we belong.

Our Societies especially appreciate Your Majesty's gracious purpose in being here to-day, inasmuch as it is in entire consonance with the work in which we are engaged, namely, by mutual association, to relieve distress, aid the sick, to comfort the mourner, and to promote habits of thrift and forethought.

We remember with pride and gratitude the foresight and noble efforts of the late Prince Consort in regard to works of beneficence and humanity, and the well-being of the industrial classes, and the poor.

We deem it to be one of the glories of Your Majesty's reign that the spirit which prompts to such objects has so largely grown in this Kingdom, and resulted in conferring incalculable benefits on Your Majesty's subjects.

Praying that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign in peace and happiness over a contented and prosperous people.

We remain,

Your Majesty's humble Servants,

*John Cook*, D.C.R. (Ancient Order of Foresters).

*William Woodward*, P.G.M. (Order of Druids).

*John Vere*, P.G.M. (Independent Order of Oddfellows, Manchester Unity).

*Daniel De Soiza*, P.D.G.M. (Independent Order of Oddfellows, London Unity).

*H. C. Woodward* (Order of Loyal Caledonians).

*E. A. Arnold* (Grand United Order of Oddfellows).

*Henry Mee*, G.C.S. (Derby Midland United Order of Oddfellows).

(Presented by Mr. H. Mee.)

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

ON behalf of the Teachers of Derby and District Association of Teachers, we desire to offer Your Most Gracious Majesty our sincere and hearty thanks for Your condescension in honouring the inhabitants of this ancient Borough with Your Royal Presence.

We cannot fail to appreciate deeply the great kindness of heart which has influenced You to pay this visit in the interest and for the benefit of the poorer and more unfortunate of Your Majesty's subjects, nor can we doubt but that Your gracious act this day will deepen and strengthen the affectionate regard and devotion of Your subjects generally, and will further bind You to their hearts as the Mother of Your People.

We would desire to offer to Your Majesty our felicitations upon the surpassing brilliance of Your reign during which strides so marvellous have been taken in Science, the Arts, Commerce, and Universal Progress.

Your Majesty must contemplate with pleasure and satisfaction the great progress that Education has made under Your rule and governance, and especially the education of those who earn their bread by manual labour. It is our high privilege to bear a part in this work, and we beg to assure Your Majesty that as it has been in the past so in the future it shall be our aim and earnest endeavour, as far as in us lies, to train up a God-fearing, loyal, and devoted people.

We are,

Your Majesty's most loyal and devoted subjects.

*Thomas Newton*, President of the Derby and District Teachers' Association.

*Benjamin Toft*, Secretary.

(Presented by Mr. Thomas Newton.)

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the undersigned Members and Workers connected with Temperance Organizations in Derby and the district, desire to express to Your Majesty on this auspicious occasion our sincere devotion and loyalty to Your Person and Your Throne.

The object of Your visit to the town of Derby to lay the foundation stone of our new Infirmary is of itself another proof of the great interest Your Majesty has always taken in matters affecting the poorer classes in the land, and we recognize with profound thankfulness the manifold proofs of the social advancement and higher intelligence of the people, which are largely attributed to the benign influence of Your Majesty's personal example and beneficent reign.

The gracious patronage extended by Your Majesty to the Church of England Temperance Society, we are convinced, has done much to advance the cause of Temperance, which also derived much benefit from the public utterances of the ever-lamented Prince Leopold, and it is our pleasure to inform You of the great progress which is being made in this and the surrounding districts where young and old are being taught and trained in the principles of sobriety and virtue, which are so essential to the material prosperity and social and moral welfare of Your people.

We trust the life of Your Majesty may long be spared, and that the remaining years of Your long and successful reign may be rendered happy and enjoyable by the continued loyalty and unswerving devotion of all Your subjects, and the peaceable relations existing with other nations.

We are Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects and servants.

Signed on behalf of the United Temperance Societies.

(Signed)

for Church of England Temperance Society:—

*George Southwell*, President.

*R. J. Knight*, Chairman of Committee.

*Elizabeth Okeover*, President of the Women's Union.

for Derby Temperance Society:—

*William Hall*, President.

*Mary Boden*, President of the Women's Auxiliary.

*George Shires*, Secretary.