

amongst the Royal attributes which mark Your character, none are more conspicuous than love of the poor and sympathy with the suffering.

The Convalescent Home which Your Majesty graciously opens to-day will complete the equipment of the great medical charities of our city, and minister to the comfort and restoration of those recovering from illness or otherwise requiring the rest afforded by such an Institution. Its establishment and endowment are due to the willing help of many thousands of all classes.

We trust it will be a source of pleasure to Your Majesty to feel that through this Home and other kindred institutions, the poor will always remember Queen Victoria as their benefactor and their friend.

We commend Your Majesty to the loving kindness of God, and pray that the years to come may bring ever increasing honour and happiness to Yourself and to the Members of Your Royal House.

Dated this fifteenth day of November, 1899.

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

“I THANK you for your Loyal and Dutiful Address. It gives Me sincere pleasure to revisit Bristol, after the long interval which has elapsed since I saw it in 1830 in company with My beloved Mother, for the purpose of opening this Convalescent Home which bears My name and commemorates the completion of the sixtieth year of My Reign.

“It is with great satisfaction that I learn that the Citizens of Bristol, whose Royal Infirmary boasts so long and honourable a record, have contributed with such generosity to the establishment of a Convalescent Home, a permanent work of charity in which I take a deep personal interest.

“I earnestly hope that this Home may contribute in no small degree to the alleviation of human suffering, and I thank you for your expressions of attachment to My Throne and Person.”