

our annals, to future generations, as one of our most cherished traditions.

We shall ever gratefully bear in mind that this Your first visit has for its object the furtherance of an educational institution in our City which has long been the object of the earnest hopes, not only of the inhabitants of this City, but of all Your loyal subjects in North Wales, and which, we trust and believe, will be the means of bringing higher education to the doors of all classes in North Wales, and so developing and stimulating the talents of our sons and daughters as to best fit them to become worthy citizens of that Great Empire over which it is Your loyal subjects' earnest wish that You may long be preserved to reign.

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*An Address in the Welsh tongue was also presented by the Mayor.*

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

On behalf of the Queen and Myself I tender you Our grateful thanks for the loyal address from the city of Bangor.

I am interested to see the address in the Welsh tongue, which is retained with so much pride by the people of the Principality, and which has, I am sure, helped to preserve the splendid national traditions which are so dear to them.

These traditions are a glorious heritage from your ancestors, and must tend to foster the spirit of loyalty and patriotism for which the people of Wales have always been famous; nor will, I am convinced, the present generation yield in the smallest degree to the past in the manifestation of these qualities. The hearty reception which you have given the Queen and Myself would, if anyone doubted it, assure us of the fact.

I warmly appreciate your remarks on the principal object of My visit to your city. Education, and especially secondary education, is a subject the importance of which cannot be over-estimated, and which engages My cordial interest and encouragement.

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Their Majesties then proceeded to the site of the New University Buildings, and on Their arrival the following Address was presented:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties The King and Queen.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the President and Governing Bodies of the University College of North Wales beg to offer Your Majesties a most loyal welcome on Your first official visit to this part of Your dominions. It is a source of special gratification to us that this visit should be in connection with the most important event in the history of the University College since its foundation, and the occasion receives an added grace from the presence of Her Majesty the Queen. We remember also, with pride, that the University, of which this College is a constituent body, has in the past enjoyed the

advantage of Your Majesty's guidance as its Chancellor, and that it is still under Your august protection.

We may be permitted to recall to Your Majesty's recollection the fact that the public movement for the erection of the buildings of which you will to-day lay the first stone was inaugurated five years ago by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit to his Principality to assume the duties of Chancellor of the University then laid down by Your Majesty. At that time the noble site, on a part of which this ceremony is now being held, had just been presented to the College by the public spirited liberality of this ancient City, and His Royal Highness expressed the confident hope that North Wales would before long place upon it buildings worthy to be the home of the great work the institution was carrying on. The first stage in the realisation of this hope has been reached to-day.

The Welsh people have ever been honourably distinguished for their devotion to learning and culture; and the course of history, specially in our own times, bears witness to the growing importance of higher learning as a force making for national prosperity and as a bond of common interest linking together widely sundered countries and different types of national character. It is our ambition that this College may not unworthily represent this Welsh tradition, and that in ever increasing degree it may be enabled to develop the best abilities of the young men and the young women of Wales, and thus fit them to become more useful citizens, not only of the United Kingdom, but of the great Empire of sister peoples which is united under Your Majesty's sway.

We desire in conclusion to tender to Your Majesties the expression of our heartfelt and loyal devotion and the assurance that Your gracious presence amongst us to day will be a source of profound encouragement to all interested in the welfare of the University College and a powerful incentive to them to spare no effort for the completion of the great enterprise now beginning under such happy auspices.

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

In behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you for the loyal and dutiful address from the University College of North Wales which you have handed to Me.

The admirable work performed by the college in its temporary buildings has been widely recognized and was well known to Me when I held the office of Chancellor of the University of Wales. I feel confident that increased efficiency will result from the facilities afforded by the commodious premises of which I have to-day laid the first stone.

The competition in every branch of industry, especially in those branches which depend largely on science and art, is in these days severe, and it must be met by increased application and improved methods. The world is, I believe, better for such competition, but it behoves individual nations to use every possible effort to hold their own in the struggle. For this purpose higher education is an absolute necessity. However brilliant a man's