

Since the Patriotic Fund was raised other funds have passed under its administrators, and now the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, of which I have the honour to be President, administers 21 funds for the benefit of widows, children, and other dependents of officers and men of Your Majesty's Navy and Army.

During the fifty years which have elapsed since the foundation of the original Patriotic Fund, 12,164 widows, 15,784 children, and 2,216 other relatives of officers and men of Your Majesty's Navy and Army have benefited to the extent of £3,296,927. At the beginning of this year there remained on the books of the funds 4,102 widows, 4,522 children, and 221 other dependents, and I desire to assure Your Majesty and Your Majesty's subjects throughout the Realm that the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation is imbued with a deep sense of its duty to do all that lies in its power to succour and relieve, as far as the funds at disposal will permit, the necessitous widows, orphans, and other dependents of Your Majesty's Navy and Army.

*George P.*

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

I thank you for your loyal Address of welcome.

No nobler use could have been made of the Royal Patriotic Fund than by the establishment of the splendid work of beneficence known as the Royal Victoria Patriotic Asylum.

It is impossible to over-estimate the good which has been done by your efforts to afford careful instruction to so many young girls between the ages of seven and sixteen. When they leave you they are qualified to take positions in the world which enable them to earn their own living; and they are not likely to forget the careful training which they have received at your hands.

I am confident that you fully realise the grave responsibility which attaches to your undertaking, and that by thorough investigation you are careful to acquire intimate knowledge of the circumstances of each case submitted to your care.

I am familiar with the good work performed by your Corporation apart from this Orphanage, and with the constant endeavours to assist those whose husbands or fathers have met their death while in My service.

I pray that by God's blessing the success of your efforts may long be continued.

*Whitehall, August 2, 1907.*

The following Addresses were presented to Their Majesties The King and Queen on the occasion of Their visit to Frognaal, Hampstead, on July 26th, when His Majesty opened the new Buildings of University College School. The first Address was presented on Their Majesties' arrival at Swiss Cottage, the second Address on Their arrival at the School:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward The Seventh and Queen Alexandra.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Hampstead, have

heard with great satisfaction of Your Majesties' gracious intention to pay a first official visit to this ancient and historic Borough for the purpose of opening the New University College School at Frognaal.

We desire, on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Borough, to express the very great pleasure with which we welcome Your Majesties, and to tender our hearty thanks for the honour which You have graciously been pleased to afford us of thus personally greeting You on the occasion of Your visit.

We trust that, under the Providence of Almighty God, Your Majesties may long be spared to continue the deep interest which You take in all educational and other projects which tend to the enlightenment and advancement of Your Majesties' loyal subjects.

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

I thank you in behalf of the Queen and Myself for the Address of Welcome from the Borough of Hampstead and for your good wishes.

Your ancient borough abounds in literary associations, and now, as well as in the past, it includes among its inhabitants many who are well known in the world of art and letters. It is, therefore, very fitting that the new University College School should be in Hampstead, where keen interest is taken in the advancement of education and the progress of My people, which I have so much at heart. I heartily trust that your borough may enjoy long and continued prosperity.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

On behalf of the School, of its Governing Body, and of its many distinguished alumni, some of whom are present here to-day, it is my privilege to tender the assurance of our loyalty and attachment to Your Majesties' Persons, and to express the thanks of this assembly for Your gracious condescension in coming here to-day to declare open the new buildings of University College School.

For more than three-quarters of a century the School has been the nursing mother of men who have played no obscure or unimportant parts in moulding the destinies of Your Majesties' Empire in these Islands and beyond the seas. In the tolerance and sympathy which the School has always shown to the youth of all nationalities, irrespective of race or of creed, in its early recognition of the vital importance of the study of science and of modern languages, the School has done much to diffuse knowledge and to dispel prejudice.

In particular, we would refer with pride to the fact that in this School have been educated, wholly or in part, some of the most distinguished statesmen of Your Majesties' ally, the Emperor of Japan.

Your Majesties have, personally, done so much for the advancement of learning, for the promotion of the comity of nations, and for the