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The following Address was presented to The King on Tuesday, the 7th July, on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Leeds for the opening of the new University buildings in that city:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

May it please Your Majesties,

We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds in Council assembled, desire to approach Your Majesties on behalf of the inhabitants of this City with every assurance of our unabated loyalty and dutiful homage. It is our great privilege to-day to welcome Your Majesties to the Metropolis of the West Riding upon this the first occasion on which You have honoured us with a visit since You ascended the Throne of these Realms.

It is with sincere pleasure that we look back to former occasions on which we have had the gratification of welcoming Members of the Royal Family to Leeds, assembled as we are in the very building which Your Majesty The King's revered Mother, the late Queen Victoria, was graciously pleased to open just fifty years ago.

Especially do our thoughts revert to-day to that auspicious occasion when in 1885 Your Majesties as Prince and Princess of Wales conferred on the City the great honour of opening the Yorkshire College, which as a result of the zeal and enthusiasm inspired by that gracious act has enjoyed so rapid an expansion and reached a position of such importance that in 1904 it was elevated to the status of a University by Your Royal Charter. It is therefore a source of peculiar satisfaction to us that the object of Your Majesties' presence here to-day should be to inaugurate an extension of that Institution, and we feel that this further manifestation of Your Majesties' deep and continuing interest in the educational and material well-being of our Citizens will tend to encourage and invigorate

the pursuit and study of higher culture in the City and throughout the County.

In conclusion, we venture respectfully to assure Your Majesties of the sincere and unabated loyalty and affection of the inhabitants of Leeds towards Your Majesties and of their fervent prayer that health, happiness and every blessing may be vouchsafed to You and that You may be spared to Your devoted subjects, whose welfare You have so much at heart.

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

"I thank you, in behalf of The Queen and Myself, for your loyal and dutiful Address of Welcome from the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds.

"You, My subjects in Leeds, inheritors and perpetuators of great traditions, have carried out your civic duties in a manner surpassed by none of the other great cities of My Empire. Your numerous and well-equipped schools, your admirable water supply, your efficient means of communication with your outlying districts, your famous Art Gallery, the fine parks and recreation grounds which grace your City, all bear witness to the zeal and ability with which you promote the welfare of your Citizens.

"I am especially gratified to learn that in your community public bodies and private individuals alike have spared no pains to alleviate human suffering, by ensuring the efficiency of your hospitals and promoting the care of the sick and needy.

"I look with astonishment at the great increase of population, wealth, and prosperity which has taken place in your City since Our visit in 1885, to which you refer in such kindly terms.

"The Queen and Myself are glad to think that the establishment of the Yorkshire College,