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The following Addresses were presented to the King on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Dunblane on the 28th instant, by the Subscribers to the Queen Victoria School for the Sons of Scottish Sailors and Soldiers, and the Town Council of Dunblane, and His Majesty was pleased to reply to the Authorities presenting the Addresses in the terms set forth below in each case:—

SUBSCRIBERS TO THE QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL.

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Address of the Subscribers to the Queen Victoria School for the Sons of Scottish Sailors and Soldiers.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your loyal and devoted subjects here assembled, desire to congratulate Your Majesty upon Your return from abroad in renewed health.

We thank Your Majesty for Your gracious presence here to-day. We ask You graciously to receive at our hands, in order that they may be taken over by the authorities constituted by Your Royal Warrant, the buildings of the School for the Sons of Scottish Sailors and Soldiers. These buildings have been erected by public subscription in memory of the conspicuously prosperous and glorious reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria whose affection for Scotland and for the Scottish people was whole-hearted and sincere, and was manifested on many occasions and in many ways during Her long and illustrious life.

We further invite Your Majesty to lay the foundation stone of a Chapel in connection with the School erected in memory of the Scottish Sailors and Soldiers who fell in action or died from wounds received in the late South African War. The Naval and Military Forces of the Empire are ever a matter of interest and concern

to Your Majesty, and we feel that Your presence on this occasion will serve to mark all the appreciation which this National Tribute is designed to show for the great deeds done and noble services rendered by our fallen Countrymen.

For and in name of the Subscribers,

Rosebery,

President of the Council.

P. D. Trotter,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

R. Addison Smith,

Honorary Treasurer and Secretary.

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

I thank you most heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address of welcome.

The object of My visit cannot but excite My deep interest. You could not better have honoured the memory of the dead who lived worthily, than in founding this Institution, of which the purpose is to prepare succeeding generations for the duties and proper conduct of life. I rejoice in the association of this School with the name of Queen Victoria, My beloved and ever-lamented Mother.

I rejoice also that you have chosen to found an Institution with the especial object of providing for the sons of My Scottish sailors and soldiers for whose interests I have ever been warmly concerned. As their fathers served the State, so also I pray that the children may grow up under the shelter of these buildings to be useful in their station and calling.

In laying the foundation stone of the chapel of this School I am glad to be able to honour once more the memory of those who died in the late South African war.

You may feel assured of My constant interest in the work of this Institution.