

the fair City which holds so high a place in your hearts.

"You have a rich heritage of traditions reaching far back into the history of our land, and you rejoice in an honourable record of which any city might justly be proud. Your continued welfare and prosperity is, and will always be, a matter of great interest to Me.

"I trust that the Commission appointed by Me to consider the best method of utilizing the waterways of this country will point the way by which the means of water-transit, which lie ready at your doors, may be most fully employed, and that the commercial activity of your City will thereby be increased.

"The situation of Gloucester makes it singularly fitting that the Royal Agricultural Society should hold their annual show in this City; and I doubt not that their action will promote the cause of Agriculture, in which I take the warmest interest, and will stimulate to fresh efforts all those who gain their livelihood thereby.

"I am happy to take this opportunity to inform you that I give my permission for the title "Royal" to be prefixed henceforward to the name of the Gloucester General Infirmary, in recognition of the admirable work done by those responsible for its management, and the devoted and successful efforts of its staff, in the prevention and alleviation of human suffering.

"I thank you for your appreciation of My efforts in the cause of international good will, which I have very deeply at heart.

"I am sure that the Citizens of Gloucester will ever strive worthily to uphold the ancient traditions of the past, and I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend the fortunes of your City.

To His Most Gracious Majesty King
Edward VII.

We, Your Majesty's loyal and loving subjects, the Magistrates and County Councillors of Gloucestershire, desire with heartfelt respect to express our gratitude to Your Majesty for the honour You have done us by visiting Gloucester, the ancient and historic capital of the County which we represent, and our earnest hope that the warmth of the welcome that You will receive will convince Your Majesty that You have in no part of Your Kingdom more dutiful or devoted subjects than the inhabitants of the County of Gloucestershire.

We are also grateful that Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to make the Royal Agricultural Society's Show in Gloucester the occasion of a visit to that City, thus evincing a continuance of that keen interest which You have ever taken in an industry on which the welfare of our County so largely depends. As Your Majesty is fully aware a famous breed of sheep takes its name from the beautiful hills which run through the eastern part of the County, while the fertile pastures and orchards in the Severn Vale in its best yield products which have a national reputation—a reputation which through care and intelligence on the part of the occupiers of the land is increasing year by year.

We hope and believe that Your Majesty's gracious visit to Gloucestershire will give a further stimulus to this important industry.

May we venture to remind Your Majesty that the Forest of Dean, which has been an appendage of the Crown since the days of the Norman

dynasty, lies within the confines of our County. Few fairer corners are to be found in Your Majesty's wide domains than this Royal Forest, bounded on the one side by the broad waters of the Severn and on the other by the precipitous banks of the Wye.

Much that is quaint and interesting could be narrated to Your Majesty of old customs and laws dealing with the vert and venison of the Forest and with the ancient rights of the Free Miners.

Many of these survive, and the old Court of Verderers is still held every forty days, a period of rotation which speaks eloquently of its origin in the days of the Druids.

We pray that God in His mercy may prolong Your Majesty's reign for many years, and that He will allow Your beneficent efforts to promote the prosperity of Your Dominions and to maintain the peace of the whole world to be crowned with the same glorious success in the future as they have been in the past.

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

"I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address from the Magistrates and County Councillors of Gloucestershire.

"It is a great pleasure to Me to visit your County and to see, in their early summer beauty, its hills and upland pastures and rich agricultural lands.

"The sheep for which your hills are famous have been well known to Me for many years, and I hope to see evidence to-day that you maintain and improve the breed, which is now, as it has been in the past, a source of wealth and prosperity to the district.

"You remind Me opportunely of the rich historic associations of the neighbourhood and of the ancient Courts and customs, still maintained, which form such interesting links with the past.

"I thank you for your good wishes and your warm appreciation of My efforts for the welfare of My subjects."

This further Address was presented to the King on His Majesty's arrival at the Show:—

To His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward
the Seventh.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, the Governors, Staff, and Students of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, respectfully tender to Your Majesty our dutiful expressions of loyalty on this auspicious occasion, which furnishes another proof of Your Majesty's great personal interest in the ancient and important industries of Agriculture and Forestry.

Your Majesty's Royal House has graciously conferred its patronage upon our College from its foundation in 1845, and we remember with feelings of deep gratitude Your Majesty's visit, as our Royal Patron, at the time of the College Jubilee in 1895.

Recognising the increasing value of agricultural education and research to the United Kingdom and the Empire, and realising the responsibilities as well as the privileges of a Royal Foundation, the Governors have lately endeavoured, by a reorganisation of the College, to enhance its usefulness. They hope, in conjunction with the University of Bristol and the County Councils of Gloucestershire and the