

portance as a railway centre—and the establishment of great engineering and other works in its neighbourhood have made Rugby as well known to the commercial as it previously was to the educational world.

Long as its history is, Rugby has seldom had the honour of welcoming a Member of the Royal Family. In modern times there have been only two such opportunities. In 1839 Her Gracious Majesty Queen Adelaide paid a visit to the School under Dr. Arnold's headmastership, and was graciously pleased to witness a football match played under the rules which have made Rugby a household word, not only in Your Majesty's wide dominions but wherever the English language is spoken, as well as in many foreign lands.

Two years ago Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenburg honoured the town with her presence, when she opened the Children's Wing of the Hospital of St. Cross.

But this is the first occasion in the history of Rugby that a reigning Sovereign has visited the town. The day will henceforth be a red-letter one in the annals of Rugby, and we rejoice to have the opportunity on this day of expressing our dutiful allegiance and our fervent hope that Your Majesty may long continue to reign in peace and prosperity over the Empire of which it is our privilege to form part.

Given under the seal of the Council this twenty-second day of June, 1909.

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

"I have received with much gratification your Address of Welcome, and your loyal good wishes.

"It has given Me great pleasure to visit this interesting district and to note the great railway and engineering works which have added to the prosperity of the neighbourhood. Your town is of easy access from all parts of the country, and its position and the enterprise of its inhabitants give most favourable assurance of its future.

"The agricultural importance of the district also contributes to the high position which Rugby holds amongst the towns of the Midlands, while the great School in your midst renders its name well known throughout the English-speaking world.

"It is My earnest wish that the prosperity of your district and the welfare of your townsmen may constantly increase."

*Address from the School presented in the new Speech Room:—*

To His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

On behalf of us all, I beg to tender to Your Majesty a hearty welcome to Rugby School.

The honour which Your Majesty has done us in consenting to open our Speech Room, is keenly appreciated by us, inasmuch as we see in it one more proof of the personal interest in the School which Your Majesty has never failed to show. We cannot be too grateful for the annual gift of a gold medal for a historical essay, the institution of which we owe to Your Majesty's Royal Mother, Queen Victoria, of glorious memory; and the continuance of it in recent years to Your Majesty. To the winner of the prize this year it will be a signal

additional honour that he will receive the medal from Your Majesty's own hands. But apart from this, we rejoice to be given an opportunity of expressing our loyalty and devotion to our Sovereign and the Royal House of these Realms.

Finally may I venture to remind Your Majesty that it is a kingly prerogative to command an addition to our hard-earned holidays. Should Your Majesty be pleased to exercise it on our behalf, it will be a kindness long to be gratefully remembered by the School.

H. J. B. CLOUGH, Head of the School.

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

"I am much gratified by your Address of Welcome, and I am glad to have an opportunity of assuring you of My personal interest in this great and splendid School, made famous wherever English is spoken by the labours and example of Arnold and of Temple, celebrated as the School of Landor, Clough and Matthew Arnold, and of many who have won distinction in literature, in statesmanship, in battle, in law, and in every other field of human activity.

"Rugby is notable not only for its success in scholarship, not only for its men of letters, but even more for its high ideals of honour and manliness and public spirit, and all those qualities that make our public schools the finest places of education in the world. These ideals and these qualities, strenuously taught by her great leaders, and handed on as a cherished tradition from generation to generation of her sons, have left the mark of Rugby deep, not only throughout these islands, but throughout the Empire and in every part of the world.

"Carry with you these traditions when you who now listen to Me are scattered, as scattered you will be in a few years time, far and wide, and wherever your lot may be cast, see that you uphold the great name of your School, and prove yourselves worthy of those who have gone before you.

"Remember that to do this you must take advantage of the wealth of opportunities offered you here, in school and out of school, opportunities of developing both mind and body, such as you will never afterwards have in the same abundance."

"It is with great pleasure that I now declare this new Speech Room to be open.

"I am glad to tell you that My visit will be commemorated later on by an addition of a week's holiday to one of your vacations.

"I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may be upon every one of you, both here at School, and in the wider world hereafter."

*Whitehall, July 14, 1909.*

The following Addresses were presented to The King on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Manchester, on Tuesday, the 6th July, to open the new buildings of the Manchester Royal Infirmary:—

*Address of the City Council.*

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

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, in Council assembled, humbly