

traditional in the Eastern Counties, and are eager now, as they have been in the past, to serve their country with zeal and devotion.

"The welfare and prosperity of your city will always have My most sincere good wishes."

May it please Your Majesty,

When You honoured us by laying the foundation stone of this Hospital in 1879, it fell to the lot of my late father to present Your Majesty with an Address. And now—thirty years later—having succeeded my father as President of the Hospital, it is the privilege of my office to be allowed to welcome Your Majesty this afternoon, and to thank You in the name of the Governors and all friends of the Hospital for the sincere interest which You have always taken in the welfare of this Institution.

It is within our grateful recollection that Your Majesty, accompanied by Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra, paid a second visit to this Hospital in 1884, when the present building was completed, and it is a source of singular gratification to the Governors that Your Majesty has been willing to pay us a third visit to-day to inaugurate a further effort on our part to extend the usefulness of the Hospital, and to bring within reach of the poorest citizen the latest results of medical and surgical research.

The building, of which Your Majesty has graciously consented to lay the foundation stone, is intended for those persons whose presence in the ordinary wards of the Hospital would be a source of danger to their fellow-patients. And when this building is finished, if, as we hope and believe, the liberality of the City and County, stimulated by the sympathy of their King, will furnish us with adequate resources, other and much-needed improvements will follow.

It will, I trust, be of interest to Your Majesty to know that the Hospital Authorities have given every encouragement to their Nurses to join the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force of the East Anglian Division. In addition to this, we have undertaken to supply Nurses for special service under the Admiralty, should necessity arise.

May I add in conclusion, that it is the fervent prayer of everyone connected with this Institution that Your Majesty may be a witness, for long years to come, of the growing popularity and the increasing efficiency of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

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

"I thank you for the loyal Address of Welcome which your Lordship has presented to Me from the Governing Body and friends of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

"I well remember My visits to you in 1879 and 1884, and I have read with great interest an account of the good work performed by the Hospital since its opening in the latter year. I am glad to see that a want long felt by the Hospital Authorities, a want which has in many cases hampered their efforts, has now been supplied, and it is a source of great gratification to Me to open to-day the extension of the Hospital designed as an isolation block for the

reception of such cases as cannot without risk of infection be allowed to associate with other patients.

"No greater blessings exist for the poorer classes of the country than institutions which provide for their relief and care in illness, and any movement to establish new buildings for the purpose, to extend those already in existence, or to render them more efficient, will always have My warmest support. I am sure that those charitable men and women who have so liberally contributed to your Hospital in the past will themselves continue their support, and will by their efforts stimulate others to assist in this noble work of charity.

"The encouragement which you give to your nurses to join the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force meets with My most cordial approval. In matters of life and death the services of the trained nurse are no less essential than those of the physician or the surgeon.

"I pray that the blessing of God may attend your labours."

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W.,
October 29, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint The Reverend George Grey Wilkinson, M.A., Deputy Priest, to be a Priest in Ordinary to His Majesty, in the place of The Reverend Howard Gurney Daniell-Bainbridge, M.A., resigned.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace, S.W.,
October 29, 1909.*

The KING has been pleased to appoint The Reverend Hugh Richard Lawrie Sheppard, M.A., to be Deputy Priest, in the room of The Reverend George Grey Wilkinson, M.A., promoted.

Whitehall, October 29, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Rear-Admiral Paul Warner Bush, M.V.O., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Cross of Commander of the Legion of Honour, which Decoration was conferred upon him by the President of the French Republic, on the occasion of the recent visit of His Majesty's ship "Jupiter" to Havre.

Whitehall, October 29, 1909.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto John Dent Clark, Esq., Editor in Chief of the "Shanghai Mercury," and Edward Hazlett Hunter, Esq., Osaka Iron Foundry, Kobe, respectively, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the Rising Sun, which Decoration has been conferred upon them by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, in recognition of valuable services rendered by them.