

*Whitehall, July 15, 1911.*

The following Addresses were presented to Their Majesties on Friday, the 14th instant, on the occasion of Their Majesties' visit to Bangor to open the new buildings of the University College of North Wales:—

CITY OF BANGOR.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the city of Bangor desire to offer to Your Majesty our devoted loyalty and service, and to express our deep appreciation of the signal mark of Your Royal favour, shown by Your Majesty's visit to this ancient cathedral city.

The occasion of Your Majesty's advent is especially auspicious and gratifying to the citizens of the borough, in that it marks the consummation of their earnest desire for the establishment in their midst of that great centre of higher education, the University College of North Wales, the completed buildings of which Your Majesty will declare to be opened, for the advancement both of the present and of all future generations of Welsh youth.

The foundation-stone of this Institution was laid by Your revered Father, whose never-ceasing care for his people and anxious interest in their welfare will ever remain in the loving memory of the Welsh nation, and it appears to be fitting and proper that the good work thus commenced by him should be completed by Your Majesty.

The building has been erected mainly by means of untold sacrifices on the part of every class in Wales, and especially on the part of the working classes in North Wales; and we, as representing the city, regard it as our great privilege that we should have been able to take our part in the great national effort by presenting to the University authorities, at the cost of every ratepayer in the city, the unrivalled site upon which the College now stands, as a fitting monument for all time of the national enthusiasm for education which it represents.

The presence of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and of our Royal Prince and the Princess Mary touches our hearts, and quickens our loyal affection to the Royal Family, upon this happy occasion, to a degree which it is difficult to express; and we can only pray God that Your Majesty may long be spared to reign over us, and that this occasion may be a happy augury that Your Majesty may live to carry out and complete all the good works which Your late beloved father had it in his mind to complete for the good of his loyal and loving subjects.

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

The Queen and I thank you heartily for the loyal and dutiful Address of welcome from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Bangor and for your kindly reference to Our dear children.

The occasion of Our visit is to Me a source of particular gratification. The interest felt by My beloved Father in higher education is

well known, and the establishment of the University College for North Wales will always rank as one of the important events of His Reign. I fully share His feelings, and the sacrifices which have been made by the people of this part of My dominions to complete the Institution are to Me an assurance of the great results which will spring from the educational work of the College.

You may be certain that I shall ever feel the warmest interest in the welfare and prosperity both of the College and of your ancient city.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES.

To His Most Excellent Majesty the King.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

We, the President and Governing Bodies of the University College of North Wales, beg to offer Your Majesty a most loyal welcome on this your second visit to our College, and we desire to express our sincerest pleasure that Her Majesty the Queen again accompanies Your Majesty.

It is a source of profound gratification to us that this visit should be made at a moment when the revival of the ancient ceremony of Investiture has given the Welsh people a special opportunity of testifying their loyal devotion to Your Majesties, and has invested the historic title of Prince of Wales with new significance and made its assumption by the Heir to the Throne an occasion of national rejoicing throughout the Principality. We are happy to be able to offer His Royal Highness our respectful congratulations in person. We remember also with pride that the National University, of which this College is a constituent body, has almost from its foundation been under the guidance and protection both of Your Royal Father and of Your Majesty, and that the names of Her Majesty and of Queen Alexandra are both inscribed on its roll of Honorary Graduates.

It will doubtless be in Your Majesty's recollection that the public movement for the erection of the College Buildings, which You will to-day declare open, was inaugurated by Yourself on the occasion of Your previous visit to North Wales to assume the duties of Chancellor of the University. At that time this noble site had just been presented to the College by the City of Bangor, and Your Majesty then expressed the confident hope that North Wales would before long place upon it fine and in every way suitable buildings worthy of the great work the institution was carrying on. We venture to hope that this group of buildings, the first stone of which was laid four years ago by King Edward VII, and which embodies in permanent form the first and larger portion of the great enterprise the authorities of the College have set before themselves, may seem thus far a not unfitting fulfilment of Your Majesty's forecast. For this work they have been remarkably successful in gaining the sympathy and support of all classes of the community in Wales. All sections of opinion and all ranks of life—rich and poor, employers and employed, even school children