

sympathy the fortunes of your Borough, which contains within its boundaries the ancient fortress and palace of My Ancestors.

The welfare of all the great Cities and Boroughs which compose the Metropolis will always be a matter of deep interest to Me, and I trust that the new Reservoir which We are to inaugurate to-day will contribute in no small measure to the health and well-being of the inhabitants of Stepney and of the neighbouring areas.

**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF HACKNEY.**

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

We, the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Metropolitan Borough of Hackney, on behalf of the inhabitants, humbly and loyally offer to Your Majesties our dutiful and glad welcome, on this most important occasion of Your Majesty's inauguration of the Chingford Reservoir.

The inhabitants of this loyal Borough remember with gratitude the many occasions on which Your Royal House have honoured Hackney by Their presence; and especially Your Majesties' visit to open the Central Public Library on the 28th May, 1908.

That Your Majesties may long be spared to perpetuate the kindly deeds which have so endeared You to the Nation, and that You may be blessed with long and happy years to reign over us, is the earnest prayer of Your Majesty's loyal subjects.

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

The Queen and I are glad to accept your loyal Address, and We thank you sincerely for your good wishes.

I remember very well Our visit to Hackney in 1908 to open the Central Public Library and the warm welcome which We then received. It gives Us much pleasure to renew Our associations with your Borough, and We shall always continue to feel close interest in your welfare and progress.

The following Addresses were presented upon Their Majesties' arrival at Leytonstone:—

**LEYTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

To Their Most Gracious Majesties  
The King and Queen.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Leyton, in the County of Essex, desire to avail ourselves of the opportunity of expressing our grateful remembrance of the interest shown by Your Majesties in the development of the District of Leyton (now having a population of 128,000) by Your visit in 1896 to open the

Town Hall and Technical Institute then recently erected, and our appreciation of the continued interest in the welfare of Your subjects in the Metropolitan and Greater London area shown by Your Majesties' visit to-day to inaugurate the opening of one of the most important undertakings of the Metropolitan Water Board, which it is hoped and believed will be so conducive to the public health and good of Your people.

We are assured that the inhabitants of the District are very highly gratified in having the opportunity afforded by Your Majesties' progress through the District of showing their loyal attachment to the Throne, and on their behalf we humbly beg to express their earnest hope that Your Majesties may long be spared to reign in peace over the British Empire.

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

I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for your loyal and dutiful Address.

I remember with pleasure My former visit to Leyton in 1896, on the occasion of the opening of your Town Hall; and I observe with interest the great growth and development of the Urban District since that date.

I confidently hope that the inhabitants of Leyton will share to the full the benefits which are to be expected from the completion of the great work which We are inaugurating to-day; and you may be assured of Our sincere good wishes for the future welfare of the Urban District.

**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS OF BUCKHURST HILL, CHINGFORD, LOUGHTON, WALTHAM HOLY CROSS, WANSTEAD, AND WOODFORD.**

To Their Most Gracious Majesties  
King George V. and Queen Mary.

*May it please Your Majesties,*

We, the Urban District Councils of Buckhurst Hill, Chingford, Loughton, Waltham Holy Cross, Wanstead, and Woodford, in the County of Essex, on behalf of the inhabitants of our several Districts, desire respectfully to offer a most loyal and hearty welcome on the occasion of the visit of Your Majesties for the purpose of inaugurating the new Chingford Reservoir of the Metropolitan Water Board.

We gratefully acknowledge the warm and sympathetic interest which Your Majesty, like Your illustrious Father, has always shown in the important and ever-extending work of local government in which it is our privilege to share; and as constituent authorities of the Metropolitan Water Board, we are proud that Your Majesties have honoured with Your presence the inauguration of a work the magnitude of which is commensurate with its value to the great Metropolis of Your Majesty's Empire.

We humbly tender to Your Majesties the confident assurance of the loyal devotion of all classes of Your Majesty's subjects in the Districts which we have the honour to represent, and we sincerely pray that for many years a