

which, without departing from its special functions of teaching and research, sets before itself the ideal of "making citizens as well as students," cannot fail to become a powerful and beneficent influence.

The work accomplished by Liverpool University shows clearly the excellent results that may be produced by the mutual services of a learned institution and of a great commercial city. The University has provided abundantly for those branches of learning which are more immediately associated with business life. Its work in connection with the study of tropical diseases has been of inestimable value in promoting the health and prosperity of My tropical Dominions; and, thanks to the liberality of your public-spirited citizens, it has been able to provide for the teaching of archaeology and to pave the way for the wonderful results which have rewarded the researches of its members at Meroe and other places.

It is My earnest prayer that your devoted labours may long continue to enjoy the Divine blessing and to minister to the welfare of My people.

THE INCORPORATED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
LIVERPOOL.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, the representatives of The Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of Liverpool, desire, on behalf of our Council, to associate the Chamber in the universal welcome extended to Your Majesty by your loyal City of Liverpool.

The members of the Chamber of Commerce cherish the recollection of Your Majesty's last visit to Liverpool in 1906, when as Prince of Wales you, with Her Gracious Majesty our Queen, inaugurated the buildings of the Liverpool Cotton Association.

In view of the auspicious circumstance that, since the year of that memorable and gracious visit, the annual exports and imports of the Port of Liverpool have steadily advanced, and that the total trade of the Port comprises more than one-fourth of the trade of the United Kingdom, the members of the Chamber rejoice to recognise in the advancing prosperity of their City and Port an eloquent and convincing proof of the strength and growth of the inexhaustible resources of Your Majesty's Empire.

Praying that Your Majesties will long continue in good health to reign over the British Empire.

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

On behalf of the Queen and Myself I thank you most heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address of welcome.

We recall with pleasure Our visit of seven years ago to open the buildings of the Liverpool Cotton Association, and it is with great satisfaction that We learn of the continued advance in the trade and prosperity of the Port of Liverpool. It is impossible to over-

rate the part played by Liverpool both in distributing to the world the manufactures of this country and in receiving from abroad the raw materials of industry and the food supply of My people. Powerful bonds of mutual interest and service in this way help to link Great Britain with My Overseas Dominions and with the great and friendly States of North and South America.

The functions of your Chamber in watching over the maintenance and development of the vast and world-wide commerce of Liverpool and in accumulating information as to the conditions of trade in so many distant parts of the world are of the highest importance for the welfare of the City of Liverpool. I am confident that you will continue to discharge these functions with the ability which you have shown in the past, and I pray that your labours and those of all the citizens of Liverpool may be crowned by Divine Providence with growing success.

At the opening of the new Gladstone Dock the following Address was presented:—

MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR BOARD.

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

May it please Your Majesties.

We, the members of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, humbly desire to express our grateful sense of the great honour conferred upon us by Your visit to the Dock Estate to open the Gladstone Dock, and we assure Your Majesties of our deep loyalty and affection.

This auspicious visit is the first which circumstances have permitted Your Majesties to make to this City since your Accession, but we recall with pleasure visits made by Your revered Father, both as Sovereign and as Prince of Wales. It will be recollected that, in 1881, accompanied by your august Mother, then Princess of Wales, he opened a system of docks to which the Princess gave her own name Alexandra. We also remember that your Grandfather His Royal Highness The Prince Consort opened the Albert Dock and Warehouses in 1846, and that five years later Your Grandmother, the great Queen Victoria, was the first British Sovereign to visit this Port and Dock Estate.

Many developments of the Estate have been made since the completion of the Alexandra system, and the Board have again found it necessary to construct new docks to meet the demand for increased accommodation for ships of the largest size. In addition to the Gladstone Dock, which Your Majesties have graciously consented to open to-day, the Board are constructing on the land adjoining docks capable of accommodating vessels of 1,100 feet in length.

We rejoice in this opportunity of acknowledging the great interest which Your Majesties have always shown in every matter which concerns the welfare of Your people. This interest is again displayed in the visit which Your Majesties have made, and are making, among Your subjects in Lancashire during this