

week, and in the gracious act of opening the Gladstone Dock to-day.

We earnestly pray that every blessing may rest upon Your Majesties and upon the Royal House.

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

The Queen and I are happy that We are able to visit you to-day for the purpose of opening this splendid dock, and We thank you most heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address of welcome.

The history of the Port of Liverpool from the construction of the first dock in 1715 to the present day is a wonderful record of maritime and industrial development of which all Britons have good reason to be proud.

These great docks, busy with no less than one quarter of the whole maritime trade of the country, present a spectacle hardly equalled by any other port in the world. The works of extension and improvement which are constantly going on bear witness to the energy and efficiency with which you exercise your responsible functions.

The trade of the Port of Liverpool with My Overseas Dominions is an important factor in our Imperial development, and I am confident that the completion of this and other new Docks will extend and strengthen your relations with all parts of the Empire and secure the commercial pre-eminence upon which our common well-being so largely depends. Liverpool appeals to the imagination as the gateway through which vast numbers travel from this country to the Continent of North America, many to start a new career in My Dominion of Canada, others to visit that great sister nation with whom we are soon to celebrate with gratitude a century of unbroken peace.

I hope and pray that to-day may be the beginning of a period of prosperity which may be greater than any you have enjoyed in the past and in which the growth of trade and the increase of wealth may bring contentment and happiness to all classes of My people.

Addresses presented on Their Majesties' visit to Manchester, on the 14th July:—

To Their Most Excellent Majesties
The King and Queen.

The dutiful and loyal Address of The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the CITY OF MANCHESTER, in Council assembled.

May it please Your Majesties.

We, Your Most Gracious Majesties' faithful and loyal subjects, The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Manchester, humbly approach Your Majesties with the homage of devoted attachment for the purpose of offering to Your Majesties a most cordial welcome to the City of Manchester and of expressing our great sense of gratitude and appreciation of Your Majesties' most gracious visit to this centre of industrial and commercial activity.

We have followed with the deepest interest Your Majesties' recent journeys through

various parts of Your Kingdom in which those manufactures and industries are carried on which are of so much importance to the welfare of Your subjects, and we share the enthusiastic feelings of loyalty and affection with which Your Majesties have been everywhere received, and humbly venture to predict that Your Royal progress will be attended with beneficial results to Your people and nation.

We recall the great pleasure and satisfaction afforded to our citizens and inhabitants by the previous visits to Manchester of Your Majesties, when Prince and Princess of Wales, and of Their Majesties King Edward the VIIth. and Queen Alexandra, and we venture to regard Your present tour in Lancashire as a signal evidence of Your benevolent sympathy and care for the workers in the industrial portions of the country.

We rejoice to have the opportunity of testifying the deep and devoted patriotism and loyalty of the Citizens of Manchester to Your Majesties and to Your Throne and Dynasty.

And we fervently pray that Your Majesties, under Divine Providence, may be long spared to reign over and to continue in Your noble work of promoting the happiness, well-being and prosperity of the vast numbers of loyal and contented people who constitute Your grateful subjects at home and abroad.

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

The Queen and I thank you most heartily for your warm welcome and for the loyalty and devotion so fittingly expressed in your Address.

We recall with much pleasure Our previous visit to Manchester, and We observe with interest and satisfaction the progress which your great City has made since that time. Our present tour has given Us the opportunity of personally studying the great industries of Lancashire, which are famed throughout the world, and have conferred remarkable benefits on the peoples of all My Dominions. The centre and controlling power of these industries lie in Manchester, which by the unparalleled efforts of its citizens has been converted from an inland town into a great seaport. If Manchester has derived its wealth and prosperity from commerce, it has also shown that success in business is compatible with an active discharge of the duties of citizenship and a keen and practical interest in art, literature, and science.

Your City has specially distinguished itself by its intelligent and discriminating patronage of the art of painting, and the efforts it has made to establish and perfect its system of technical education are worthy of high praise.

I pray that continued prosperity may attend Manchester, and that Divine Providence may bless the labour of its citizens in all the manifold branches of their activity.

THE VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER.

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

May it please Your Majesties.

We, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Court of Governors, professors and lecturers, gradu-