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FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1913.

Whitehall, August 6, 1913.

The following Address was presented to the KING on Saturday, the 2nd instant, on the occasion of the reopening by His Majesty of the Royal West Sussex Hospital at Chichester:—

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty.

We, the Patrons, President, and Governors, as represented by our Board of Management, of the West Sussex Hospital, situated in the Loyal and Ancient City of Chichester, most humbly desire to approach Your Majesty with feelings of the greatest loyalty and most profound respect, in order that we may express to you our deep gratitude and thanks for thus graciously consenting to reopen this West Sussex Hospital, which has been entirely renovated and reconstructed as a lasting memorial to His late Majesty King Edward VII, who is ever remembered as "the friend of the sick and afflicted poor," and who, like your Majesty, always took so deep an interest in the welfare and efficiency of the many hospitals in His domains.

Founded in 1784 as a Dispensary for the relief of the sick poor, instituted in 1793 as a Hospital, and established in 1826 as the Chichester Infirmary, this Hospital has ever

been supported by voluntary contributions, and is entirely free from debt. Added to and improved from time to time by the generosity of the inhabitants of this county, it has always striven to keep pace with the ever-growing need of the poor and the wonderful advance of modern science.

This present reconstruction is the greatest and most comprehensive work hitherto attempted, and it was only by the princely generosity of the late Mr. William James and many other members of the community that the scheme could be undertaken and carried through to a successful issue.

During the whole course of the reconstruction the Hospital has, in part, been kept open, and it has been only by the loyalty and devotion of our House Staff, in the face of many obstacles and at great personal inconvenience, that we have always had a certain number of beds available for urgent cases, operations, and accidents.

The work has now reached completion, and we most humbly pray Your Majesty to be most graciously pleased to declare the Hospital reopened, a memorial to our late beloved Sovereign King Edward VII, Your Most Revered Father.

We devoutly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to adorn the Throne of this Realm and reign over a prosperous, happy, and