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The following Address was presented to The KING on the occasion of the opening by His Majesty of the new Cambridge University Library on the 22nd October, 1934.

CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

To The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty:
May it please Your Majesty:

We, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, humbly offer to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty The Queen our dutiful and heartfelt welcome.

We recognise in Your Presence to-day a high mark of Your favour towards this University and a proof of Your gracious interest in the furtherance of education and learning.

The inauguration of the new Library is an event of immeasurable importance in our academic history and it will be rendered ever memorable by Your Majesties' Presence in our midst as evidence of Your gracious participation in our hopes and endeavours.

For nearly fifteen years we have been working for the attainment of this project which sees its fulfilment to-day. In the early years after the war, when the limit of congestion in the old buildings had been reached, we took the decision to abandon the site which had been the home of the Library since its beginnings and to build a new Library elsewhere; but for several years more there seemed little hope that this ambitious scheme could be realized. However, a site was acquired, for

which the University is indebted to the generosity of King's and Clare Colleges in sacrificing land which had formerly been their playing fields, and sketch-plans were prepared by the architect, Sir Giles Scott, for a new Library to be built and equipped at a cost of half a million pounds. In 1928 the University was able to see its way to provide half of this large sum and, placing its faith in the future, decided that the work should be begun. Then came the munificent benefaction which bettered our utmost hopes and made the completion of the entire work possible. The International Education Board, founded by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Junior, offered to defray the remaining £250,000 as part of an even larger offer for the provision of various University buildings and endowments, provided the University itself raised by the end of 1931 the further sum of £229,000 which was required to make the whole scheme effective. An appeal for funds was launched and met with immediate and most generous response both from members of the University and from other quarters, and by June, 1930, the whole sum required had been raised and the condition of the offer fulfilled. The first stone of the new Library was laid on October 1st, 1932; by the spring of this year the building was complete; and eight weeks later the entire contents of the Library had been transported and rehoused in the new building which Your Majesty has graciously consented to open.

We would pray that the blessings of Almighty God may rest upon Your Majesties and that in the words of our ancient Bidding Prayer all Members of this University in their