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THE time has come when the University of Birmingham must make another appeal to the City, the Midland district, and the nation, for means to carry on the work to which it has set its hand. The first instalment of contributions has now been expended, in erecting the general central structure, and in providing buildings and equipment for advanced instruction in the various branches of engineering—civil, mechanical, electrical—as well as in mining and metallurgy: each of which five subjects has now a separate Professor and assistant staff. Although much remains to be done in staffing and equipping and generally providing for both education and research in the pure sciences ancillary to these and all other applications, and though we have at present done little of what we hope to do to support the efforts of the staff in the Faculty of Arts towards promoting a wide and general and scholarly education—not neglecting the old learning, but incorporating it as far as possible with more recent products of the human intellect—we are able to say that the group of buildings specially devoted to the above branches of engineering are now getting into a fairly finished state, and we want to invite distinguished persons to come and see for themselves what has been done, and to take part in a ceremonial opening of the highest importance.

Meanwhile we have to admit that our resources are exhausted, and that without further munificent help we cannot complete what we have begun in the Faculties of Science, Arts, Medicine, and Commerce, nor can we develop harmoniously and proceed as we would on our course of usefulness. The range of subjects to be covered by a modern University is immense, and is not likely to diminish as knowledge advances. We feel that in making provision for the imparting and the extension of knowledge we