

350 feet, and will cost about £360,000. When this splendid building was opened in 1893, Her Majesty said :—

*IT is with infinite satisfaction that I receive the address in which you give expression to your loyal attachment to my throne and person, and develop the views that have led to the creation of the Imperial Institute.*

*"I concur with you in thinking that the counsels and exertions of my beloved husband initiated a movement which gave increased vigour to commercial activity, and produced marked and lasting improvements in industrial efforts.*

*"One indirect result of that movement has been to bring more before the minds of men the vast and varied resources of the Empire over which Providence has willed that I should reign during fifty prosperous years.*

*"I believe and hope that the Imperial Institute will play a useful part in combining those resources for the common advantage of all my subjects, and in conducting towards the welding of the Colonies, India, and the Mother Country into one harmonious and united community.*

*"In laying the foundation-stone of the building devoted to your labours, I heartily wish you God-speed in your undertaking."*

We now can all much more appreciate the reference to the initial work in this great national movement of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, by the Exhibition of 1851, the first time when Britain and her people were called together and united by a mutual interest in their arts and manufactures. This work is now being carried forward by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and soon a responsive assent will be given by one and all to our Queen's expressed wish that the Colonies, India and the mother country may be welded into one harmonious and united community.