

New York: The Guest of Honour at Columbia University's annual Charter Day Dinner, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, joined a distinguished gathering that included M. Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister.

The University (whose Charter was granted by ^{King} George the Second) is celebrating its 200th anniversary, and ~~in 1792~~

The Queen Mother ^{READ A MESSAGE FROM} ~~read a message from~~ her daughter, the Queen ~~at the dinner~~ SOUND.

The climax of the bicentennial celebrations came, next day, with a solemn convocation at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine.

Among the forty-eight distinguished international figures ^{and} honou^{red} were the Queen Mother, and Dr. Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, who each received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws.

Most brilliant function of the New York visit was the gala Commonwealth Ball, when Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen were proud to form the Guard of Honour for the Queen Mother. Her Majesty was wearing the Order of the Garter.

Back in London, the Queen paid a visit to the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops at Knightsbridge. Here, Her Majesty spent some time examining the Exhibition of Goods and Handicrafts, made by War-Disabled ~~Ex-Servicemen~~ Ex-Servicemen... And with Christmas in mind, ^{the public will no doubt} ~~no doubt~~ the Queen supported ^{glad to join Her Majesty in supporting this fine cause} ~~this worthy cause.~~

These letter-racks and stationery holders were made by Richard Brett of Finchley. Wounded in the Italian campaign, he is blind and has no hands.. yet, by his courage, he has won through....to independence.

~~At~~ At Blenheim Palace, near Oxford, ~~the~~ Princess Margaret graced a Christian Dior Fashion Show - in aid of ^{ANOTHER GREAT + DESERVING CAUSE -} the Red Cross...

A Junior Cadet, 11 year-old Ann Hollis, presented the bouquet...

And soon - the fashions of Paris ^{not forgetting} ~~including~~ the "H" Line, were invading the stately rooms of the famous Palace, which was the First Duke of Marlborough's reward for victory over the French, at Blenheim...

^{In 9 rooms} Over 1500 guests, ~~seated in nine rooms~~ (who had each subscribed five guineas to the Red Cross) watched the procession of lovely French models. The display of 100 creations, ranged from traditional full-skirted gowns - to sophisticated tight-fitting evening styles - bringing a breath of Paris to a truly English setting.