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THE QUEEN IN MANCHESTER

As their Colonel-in-Chief, the Queen inspected a Guard of Honour of the Manchester Regiment when she attended the dedication of the restored regimental chapel in Manchester Cathedral. Inscribed on the rolls of honour in the chapel - which was bombed in 1940 - are the names of 15,000 who helped to build the great tradition of the Manchesters.

In the afternoon, the Queen drove to the Free Trade Hall and crowds came to cheer despite the weather.

The Queen was received by the Lord Mayor. The exterior of the Hall has been repaired, but within all is completely reconstructed and modernised. The Queen unveiled a plaque to declare open the 95-years-old building which stands for so much in Manchester. The peculiar panelling improves the sound. The Queen brought Manchester news of the King's good progress (which made her visit possible) and after a tribute to those who rebuilt the hall, continued:-

"...and I hope that this building, which enshrines the name of free trade, may inspire anew other freedoms, freedom from intolerance, freedom from faction and prejudice. It is these, perhaps, as much as anything today which may bring us nearer to what is most dear to all our hearts, the progress and well-being of our dear country."