To Her Royal Highness
THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL & YORK.

May it please Your Royal Highness.

On behalf of the Women of Victoria, we have the honour to approach Your Royal Highness, and beg most respectfully to offer you a Cordial Welcome.

We have sought to erect a permanent memorial of so auspicious an event as the visit of Your Royal Highness by an endeavour to enlarge the Hospital for Women, which already bears the name of our late beloved Queen, and of which the Medical Staff is composed entirely of Women.

We pray that Your Royal Highness may long be spared to discharge the exalted duties by which you will be enabled to serve the interests of all parts of our widespread Empire.
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
SYDNEY

JANUARY 24TH 1902

DINNER TO THE VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY VISITORS

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Outside front and back cover:
Address of Welcome to H.R.H. The Duchess of Cornwall and York “On Behalf of the Women of Victoria”, May 1901, at the time of the opening of the first Australian Commonwealth Parliament. Illuminated address of two illustrated pages with signatures, binding by P. Prenzel of carved Australian wood depicting Queen Victoria, with silver spine, clasp and corners. The address is decorated with Australian wildflowers and four sepia views of Victoria. The signatures are of officials of the Victoria Hospital for Women. The Address comprised part of a “women’s welcome” to the Duchess and was accepted by a “lady-in-waiting”. (Rare Books, Baillieu Library.)

Inside front and back cover:
Menu card — “Dinner to the Victorian Parliamentary Visitors”, including a menu and “toasts” to the king, the governor-general, the state governor and “our guests”. One of three printed items for the visit by Victorian Parliamentarians to Sydney from Saturday 18 January to Thursday 23 January 1902. The visit also included a reception, two excursions on Sydney Harbour, a trip on a “Special Train” to Bulli and a “Smoke Concert”. The rest of the time was devoted to morning billiards at Parliament House, bowls, tennis, the Parliamentary Cricket Match at the SCC and a rifle match. (McLaren Collection, Baillieu Library.)
On behalf of the Women of the State of Victoria, we beg Your Royal Highness graciously to receive this address, and subscribe ourselves with profound respect and fidelity.

Your Royal Highness
Faithful and Obedient Servants

[Signatures]

Melbourne, May 1890