

## THE WHITWORTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The 18th March is celebrated by Whitworth men and women because it is the anniversary of the first step taken by Sir Joseph Whitworth towards founding the scholarships. On that date he wrote to Disraeli as follows :-

Manchester, 18th March, 1868.

28 Pall Mall

SIR

I desire to promote the engineering and mechanical industry of this country by founding 30 scholarships of the annual value of £100 each to be applied for the further instruction of young men, natives of the United Kingdom, selected by open competition for their intelligence and proficiency in the theory and practice of mechanics and its cognate sciences.

I propose that these scholarships should be tenable on conditions to be defined by a deed of trust regulating the administration of the endowment fund during my life, and that thereafter the management of this fund, subject to the conditions specified therein, should vest in the Lord President of the Council or other minister of public instruction for the time being.

I venture to make this communication to you in the hope that means may be found for bringing science and industry into closer relation with each other than at present obtains in this country.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JOSEPH WHITWORTH.