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THE following Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulations to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty attaining the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, have been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

Unto the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble and dutiful Address of the
School Board of Edinburgh.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chairman and Members of the School Board of Edinburgh, desire most respectfully to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our warm attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Throne.

We desire to tender Your Majesty our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on Your Majesty having attained the Sixtieth Year of Your Most Gracious and Illustrious Reign, and to record our very grateful sense of the blessings thereby conferred on the Nation.

During the long period of Your Majesty's rule over this great Empire, the country has experienced unexampled progress and prosperity in every department of the State, both foreign and domestic. The bounds of the Empire have been widely extended, and its wealth increased. The general welfare of the community and the comforts of life have advanced, especially among the indus-

trial classes of your people, in a manner hitherto unequalled.

We cannot doubt that these benefits are in a large degree due to the wise, enlightened, and beneficent rule which Your Majesty has exercised.

In no respect has the improvement of the country been more marked than in the department of Education. During many generations Scotland has enjoyed a national system of Education which has done much to elevate and influence the character of the people, and the useful and generous legislation enacted by Your Majesty with the advice of Parliament during recent years has adapted the former provision to the growth of the population, and has extended the means of acquiring instruction to every child.

Intrusted with the administration of public education in the City of Edinburgh, we have the best means of ascertaining the advancement which has been made in all departments of Education, and we rejoice to assure Your Majesty that the advantages predicted as the result of recent statutes have been fully realised.

That the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon Your Majesty and on every member of Your Majesty's family, and that your valuable life may be prolonged for the continued welfare and happiness of Your people will ever be the sincere and constant prayer of

Your Majesty's most loyal and humble servants
the School Board of Edinburgh.

By authority of the Board.

COLIN G. MACRAE,
Chairman.
JAS. ARNOT,
Clerk.

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