

appreciated not merely by your own subjects, but by the people of other lands.

The Elizabethan era and the age of Queen Anne were both glorious. They were distinguished for eminence attained in literature, science, and art, and for deeds of valour by sea and land performed by our Naval and Military Forces; but the Victorian age, in which it is our privilege to live, while it will illuminate the pages of our history with a far purer if not a more brilliant light, will, it is earnestly to be hoped, be memorable not for the prevalence of national discords and the din and carnage of war, but for the confraternity of nations and the progress of peace.

That Your Majesty may be spared for many years to reign over a loyal and contented people, and to be the instrument of carrying out those inscrutable but wise designs of Providence, for the gradual raising of the human race scattered over your wide Dominions, to a higher sphere of life in its predestined course of existence, is our earnest hope as well as that of the seventy thousand people over whose municipal interests we have the honour to preside.

Given in name and on behalf of the Provost, Magistrates, and Commissioners of the Burgh of Govan, the seal of which is hereto affixed, this twenty-eighth day of June eighteen hundred and ninety-seven years.

JAMES KIRKWOOD,
Provost.

A. MACDONALD,
Town-Clerk.

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[Presented by James Kirkwood, Esq. (Provost), and A. Macdonald, Esq. (Town-Clerk).]

To the QUEEN'S Most Gracious Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Representative Church Council of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, consisting of the Bishops, Clergy, and representative Laymen of the said Church in council assembled, humbly desire to offer to Your Majesty our congratulations upon the Sixtieth Anniversary of Your Majesty's reign. We feel deeply grateful to Almighty God for the incalculable benefits and blessings vouchsafed to our country during that long period, blessings largely due to Your Majesty's wise and constitutional rule, and to Your care and solicitude for the welfare and happiness of all Your people. We of the Episcopal Church in Scotland are specially bound to acknowledge the blessings we have received; for it was only during Your Majesty's Gracious Reign that the last of the penal disabilities resting upon our Church were removed, and that we were granted complete freedom. We earnestly desire to thank God for the high example Your Majesty has set before Your subjects of virtue and religion; we feel that it is greatly owing to Your Majesty that the home life of Great Britain has been raised to its present standard of purity and happiness. We believe Your Majesty's influence for good extends not to this kingdom alone, but to the whole of Your vast Empire; and that Almighty God may long spare You to rule over loyal and devoted subjects, will ever be the constant prayer of Your Majesty's most loyal and humble servants, the Clergy and Laity of the Episcopal Church in Scotland.

By authority of the Clergy and Laity of the Episcopal Church in Scotland in Council assembled.

W. W. FARQUHARSON,
Secretary.

LOTHIAN,
Convener of the Executive Committee of
the Episcopal Church in Scotland.

[Presented by the Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian, K.T.]

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Free Church of Scotland, take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the anniversary of Your Majesty's birth to repeat the assurance of our warm attachment to Your Majesty's Person, Family, and Throne.

But the present is an especially memorable time, and has a much greater significance than the annually recurring birthday, and therefore we desire, with greater emphasis, to express anew our devoted loyalty. We join heartily with all Your Majesty's subjects throughout the wide British Empire in the rejoicings which commemorate the completion of the sixtieth year of Your Majesty's illustrious Reign. We feel that this great event, unexampled in the history of our nation, calls for profound gratitude to Almighty God, who has, through all these years, preserved Your Majesty's valuable life in health and vigour, and enabled Your Majesty to perform your lofty duties with uninterrupted success. As we look back from this elevated standing-point upon this long and eventful period, we realise the immense progress that has been made in almost every department of our national affairs, and we are deeply sensible that for this most gratifying result we are indebted to Your Majesty's wise and able government, and to the principles of righteousness and truth, religion and goodness, by which Your Majesty's reign has ever been dominated. Your Majesty, with consummate prudence, has always acted through the established institutions of the country, thus uniformly securing to every interest an equitable measure of representation, and the great personal influence of Your Majesty has ever been exerted on behalf of every object fitted to promote not only the material, but also the moral and religious well-being of your subjects. We cannot over-estimate the power for good which Your Majesty's noble example has exercised upon the society of our time, while the innumerable instances in which Your Majesty has shown a kind and womanly heart, ever at leisure from its own splendid cares and State burdens, to sympathise with the sufferings of the poorest of your people, have produced a profound impression upon all hearts, and caused a deep personal attachment to mingle with our public loyalty. We earnestly hope that Your Majesty may be long spared to continue to us the inestimable benefits and advantages which it has always been our privilege as a nation to enjoy under Your Majesty's beneficent rule. We pray that, through this remarkable year, which must put a special strain upon Your Majesty's strength, special grace may be given from on high to enable Your Majesty to bear up under the great joy of your