

health and peace, to be venerated and beloved in this world, and may finally in the world to come be crowned with glory and immortality.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for your warm congratulations on the completion of the sixtieth year of My reign.

I unite with you in gratitude to Almighty God, by whose good providence so many blessings have been bestowed upon My country; and I bespeak your prayers for a continuance of His mercies.

I gladly avail Myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of My attachment to the Church of Scotland, of whose loyalty and devotion to My Throne and Person I have received so many proofs; and I pray that the blessing of God may attend your efforts to promote the advancement of true religion amongst the people committed to your charge.

BALMORAL CASTLE, October 7, 1897.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and a Deputation from the Town Council of Edinburgh waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address:—

The Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland was in attendance.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty, we, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, as representing the community of the ancient City of Edinburgh, and as Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, beg humbly to approach Your Majesty and offer loyal and cordial congratulations on the occasion of the completion of the sixtieth year of Your Majesty's reign.

We recall with much satisfaction and thankfulness the fulfilment of those blessings which our predecessors in office looked forward to with confidence on the occasion of Your accession to the throne; and, with all our fellow-subjects, we at this time cherish and gratefully remember the spirit and manner in which Your Majesty has during these sixty years swayed the sceptre of your Empire, promoted good government, and advanced the material prosperity and welfare of Your Majesty's subjects in every quarter of the globe.

We pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over Your attached and devoted people.

We take this opportunity of renewing the expression of our loyalty to Your Majesty's Person, Throne, and Government.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council, and the seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 22nd day of June 1897.

A. McDONALD, Lord Provost.

THOS. HUNTER, Town-Clerk.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

It affords me great pleasure to receive in My Highland home the representatives of the ancient City of Edinburgh, and I thank you for your

cordial congratulations and the expressions of loyalty to My Person and Throne contained in your Address.

I share your satisfaction in recalling the immense moral and material advancement which has signalised the sixty years of My reign; and My loyal subjects in Edinburgh have My best wishes for their ever-increasing welfare and prosperity.

BALMORAL CASTLE, October 7, 1897.

THIS day the Honourable Lord Stormonth-Darling and a Deputation from the University of Edinburgh waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address:—

The Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Principal, Professors, and University Court of the University of Edinburgh, desire to renew, on the completion of the sixtieth year of Your great and glorious reign, an expression of the devotion with which we approached Your Majesty ten years ago. Most heartily do we rejoice that to your reign, which has been productive of blessings so manifold, which has brought safety and honour to Your Empire and welfare to Your people, under which learning and morals have alike advanced, the Almighty has vouchsafed a duration greater than that of any of Your predecessors on the Throne. Again we would record our grateful appreciation of the marks of special favour bestowed by Your Majesty from time to time upon this University, and our lively sense of the signal advantages derived from Your beneficent rule. Especially do we regard as a subject of congratulation the increased number of Indian and Colonial students secured to us by the consolidation of the Empire, and we desire to tender our acknowledgments for the salutary legislation which, in the interval since we addressed Your Majesty, has opened a wide career of usefulness for themselves and the other Universities of Scotland. In the domestic sorrows and joys which have been Your Majesty's portion during the last ten years, the University of Edinburgh has felt profound sympathy. Your Majesty has long reigned in the hearts of Your people, and, in common with countless thousands, we pray that for years to come Your Majesty may be spared to rule over us, and that these years may be fraught not only with continued national prosperity, but with an increasing measure of personal and domestic happiness.

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR,
Chancellor.

BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH,
Rector.

WILLIAM MUIR,
Principal.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

I thank you most heartily for your loyal and dutiful Address, and am much gratified by your renewed assurances of devotion to My Person,