

serve and to transmit to future generations the priceless treasure of a nation's love, won, not more by the benign sway than by the personal virtues of his Royal ancestors.

We hail the birth of the Prince as an additional guarantee for the preservation in the direct line of succession of the rule of your Majesty's Royal house, under which the country has been secured in the possession of civil and religious liberty, and all the elements of national greatness have received unexampled development.

We pray that your Majesty may long be spared to reign over this nation, enthroned in the affections of a great and free people, comforted by the love of a virtuous and happy family, and sustained by Almighty power in the discharge of every duty.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Magistrates and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 11th day of February, 1864 years.

*Chas. Lawson, Lord-Provost.*

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

"I sincerely thank you for your loyal and affectionate Address, and I receive with great satisfaction your hearty congratulations on the birth of the Infant Prince, my grandson.

"I am deeply gratified by your assurances of devoted loyalty and attachment to my person and my family."

They were all very graciously received, and the Lord Provost and the Mover and Seconder of the Address, had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

*Windsor Castle, February 27, 1864.*

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and a Deputation from the City of Dublin, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Dublin.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the city of Dublin, after a comparatively short period, again approach the Throne, to tender to your Majesty, on behalf of the ancient and loyal city of Dublin—the second city in the empire—our heartfelt congratulations at the auspicious birth of a Prince.

Since the gratifying duty devolved upon us of presenting an Address to your Majesty on the marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, your Majesty's most loyal subjects have constantly felt that one event alone could add to the prospects of happiness that marriage conferred on your Majesty and this country, namely, the birth of an infant, and that infant a son.

It has pleased the Almighty Ruler of the universe to allow this hope to be realised, and we earnestly pray that your Majesty's life may be long spared, and that carefully brought up by

his parents, assisted by your Majesty's maturer judgment and experience, this Prince may, in progress of time, when called upon to fill a distinguished position in this country, carry with him those high principles, and that spotless integrity, which have so justly endeared your Majesty and his late Royal Highness the Prince Consort to all your Majesty's faithful people.

*Alexander Farquhar, Town Clerk.*

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

"I accept with great satisfaction the heartfelt congratulations which you offer to me on behalf of my ancient and loyal city of Dublin, on the auspicious birth of the Infant Prince, my grandson.

"It is most gratifying to me to receive on this occasion from all parts alike of the United Kingdom, renewed assurances of devoted loyalty and attachment to my person and family."

They were all very graciously received, and the Lord Mayor, and the Mover and Seconder of the Address, had the honour of kissing Her Majesty's hand.

*Windsor Castle, February 27, 1864.*

THIS day a Deputation from the body of English Presbyterian Ministers in and about the Cities of London and Westminster waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, the Body of English Presbyterian Ministers in and about the Cities of London and Westminster, sharing with loyal sympathy every joy or sorrow of your Majesty's House, desire to offer our heartfelt congratulations on the auspicious Birth of a Son to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

While to the nation this happy event gives a new heir to so many virtues on and near the throne, and prolongs a line of sovereignty identified with the well-being of the state; and to the Royal Parents enriches their domestic life by a precious blessing and a sacred trust, we fervently pray that to your Majesty also this little child may be a fresh light of affection and hope. For the Infant Prince himself, as well as for those over whom he may be appointed to reign, we can frame no better wish than that his mind and character may be formed under such wise and patient guidance, such pure and lofty example, as have made the Royal House of England honoured throughout the world, and have secured at home an attachment surpassing loyalty.

That your Majesty may long be spared to see children's children rising around you, worthy, every one, of their great and good inheritance, and, in the midst of family blessings, may find a tranquil satisfaction in the discharge of high duties, and the prosperity and affection of your people, is our earnest supplication to the Supreme Giver of all good.

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

"I receive with much gratification your congratulations on the birth of the Prince, my