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THE following Address of Congratulation on the occasion of The Queen having entered upon the Fiftieth year of Her Reign, has been transmitted to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department for presentation, and has accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow, desire to offer Your Majesty our warm and heartfelt congratulations on Your entry upon the fiftieth year of Your reign.

The time during which Your Majesty has ruled over this Empire has been one of unprecedented development. In every department of human enterprise marvellous progress has been made. Art, science, and commerce have been prosecuted with a success heretofore unknown; and concurrently with that progress, and all the material benefits which have accompanied it, the moral improvement and the social happiness of the people have been hugely advanced. Thus, while periods of depression and anxiety have occurred, the improved condition and increased intelligence of the masses, and the absence of unredressed and unconsidered grievances, have largely removed social discontent, and common sympathy has bound class to class. In all this the nation has become stronger and better welded together, and between the Ruler and the ruled feelings of mutual sympathy and respect have grown up which have consolidated and strengthened the whole framework of society. While, accordingly, in other countries thrones have been overturned and constitutions have been changed, and their peoples have suffered from revolution and war and all the distracting results of unstable administration, Your Majesty's benign sway has been undisturbed and the loyalty of the nation has grown with the progress of the years.

We gratefully recognise the inestimable benefits which have flowed to Your people from the example of high devotion to duty, which has been so conspicuously exhibited by Your Majesty, as it was also by the Prince Consort. That example Your Majesty has had the profound satisfaction of seeing faithfully followed by Your children; and though it has pleased God to take some of them also to Himself, the beauty of their

lives and the high standard of duty which they sought to realize, are a perpetual solace and stimulus to those who remain. Your Majesty's subjects are bound to the Throne by sentiments of loyalty, but they cherish also for Your Majesty and for the memory of the Prince Consort feelings of personal reverence and regard which could only be inspired by pure and noble lives, and by the elevated example which these have given, not only to the Court, but to all classes of the people. In all Your Majesty's sorrows and trials the national heart has accordingly sympathised with an intensity which has found its reward and befitting counterpart in the sympathy which Your Majesty never fails to evince in all that affects the well being and happiness of Your subjects.

It is our earnest prayer that, during this year of jubilee, and for many long years after it shall have closed, Your Majesty may enjoy such health and strength as are needful for the discharge of Your exalted duties; and that you may be cheered and sustained, not only by the love and reverence of Your children, and Your children's children, but by the ever deepening loyalty and devotion of all classes of Your people.

Given in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow, and the Seal of the City appended hereto, this 29th day of June, 1886 years.

William McOwie, Lord Provost.
J. D. Marwick, Town Clerk.

And on the same subject from:—

Roman Catholic Archbishops and Bishops in Scotland.

Leith, Provost, Magistrates, and Council.

Dunfermline, Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council.

Edinburgh, Presbytery, Ministers, and Elders.

Edinburgh, Presbytery Members.

Ipswich, Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses.

Devon and Western Association of Baptist Churches.

City of London Union Board of Guardians.

Londonderry Lodge of Freemasons, Sunderland.

Perth, Presbytery, Minister, and Elders.

Taunton, Inhabitants.

Midgley Township, Inhabitants.

Oxford, Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens.

Tiverton, Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses.