

The Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the body of English Presbyterian Ministers, in and near the cities of London and Westminster, desire to express to Your Majesty our heartfelt participation in the general rejoicing at the continuance of Your Majesty's beneficent Reign during the long period of Fifty years.

Looking back on that time, we cannot but feel that Your Majesty's Reign is a memorable one for national progress, and we would especially refer to the measures in favour of civil and religious liberty to which Your Majesty has given Your Royal Assent.

It has been the happiness of the people of these realms to have a Sovereign to whom they could look up, not only as intent on promoting their welfare by just laws, wise government, improved education for all classes, and peaceful relations with other countries, but also as an example of those domestic virtues and affections which have nowhere been so much cherished and valued as in our English homes.

The attachment to Your Majesty has been strengthened and deepened by the mutual sympathy called forth by those public trials and personal sorrows which could not but have a place in so lengthened a period.

By Your Majesty's kindness of heart and loyalty to the King of Kings, Your Majesty has won not only the affectionate loyalty of Your Majesty's own people, but also a genuine esteem in all parts of the world.

Grateful to Almighty God for having already so much prolonged Your Majesty's rule, we earnestly pray that He may still spare for many years a life so precious to Your Majesty's country and children.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following Most Gracious Answer:—

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address, and receive with cordial satisfaction your congratulations on the attainment of the Fiftieth Year of My Reign.

"The constant affection of My people has greatly helped to sustain me amidst the anxieties which attend on the government of this vast Empire; and I trust that, as I have found them during the progress of My Reign, a law-abiding nation, devoted to the great principles of civil and religious liberty, so they may continue in future times to evince the same qualities to which, by God's blessing, they owe the happiness and prosperity which they now enjoy."

Windsor Castle, May 16, 1887.

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Provost of Edinburgh accompanied by several Members of the Corporation waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address:—

The Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the city of Edinburgh, as representing the community thereof, beg leave most respectfully to approach Your Majesty, and to offer our heartfelt congratulations on the accomplishment of the Fiftieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

Under that reign the British Empire and its Colonies and Dependencies have enjoyed the possession of civil and religious liberty; and all the elements of national greatness have been developed to an unexampled extent, and the intellectual and material condition of the people has correspondingly improved.

Happily the manifestations of gratitude and thankfulness on this Jubilee occasion, in which we cordially join, are the genuine and spontaneous expression of the ardent and affectionate spirit which pervades and animates Your Majesty's subjects in every quarter of the globe, eager to testify their devoted attachment to the Throne and Person of their beloved Queen.

Your Majesty's subjects have seen with admiration the manner in which Your Majesty has discharged Your duties in every relation of life, as Sovereign of a vast Empire entailing continuous and engrossing labour and anxiety; and in private life discharging every domestic duty and exhibiting every domestic virtue. Your Majesty has lived so much in the view of Your people that they have shared and sympathized alike in Your joys and griefs, while Your Majesty has ever been prompt to extend Your generous sympathies to Your subjects of all classes.

We pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to reign over Your widely extended Empire, 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 Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto at Edinburgh, the 13th day of May, in the year 1887.

Thomas Clark, Lord Provost.

Wm. Skinner, Town Clerk.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following Most Gracious Answer:—

"I RECEIVE your loyal and dutiful Address with great satisfaction, and I thank you heartily for your cordial congratulations on the attainment of the Fiftieth Year of My Reign.

"I feel deeply grateful to the Almighty that during My long Reign, My people have steadily advanced in material prosperity and intellectual culture, and that My own efforts to promote the good government and general welfare of My realm have been blessed with success.

"In no part of My dominions has the development of national progress been more conspicuous than among My faithful subjects in Scotland. I am confident that the citizens of Edinburgh, in the future, as well as in the past, will sedulously uphold the renown of their ancient city."

Windsor Castle, May 16, 1887.

THIS day, Principal Sir William Muir, K.C.S.I., and a deputation from the University of Edinburgh, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:—

The Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty, Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen.

WE, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Chan-