

progress in morality and religion, though we must confess that vice and irreligion still exist, and sometimes shock us by appalling revelations of their presence. Education has become almost universal. Beyond all doubt, our country in 1887 is a much greater, more prosperous, more moral, and more contented country than it was in 1837, and this is in large measure to be attributed to Your Majesty's benignant and constitutional Government. These fifty years constitute an epoch in our national history, to which future historians will look back as, perhaps, the most wonderful in our country's development.

We have observed the profound interest which Your Majesty's takes in the welfare of Your people, the tender sympathy which You extend to those who are in suffering or sorrow, and the noble example of a pure domestic life which You set before all.

It is a matter of pride to every Scotsman that Your Majesty seeks during the summer a quiet home in our Highlands, and that when in Your highland home, Your Majesty worships with the humblest of Your Majesty's subjects in the parish church—teaching a lesson to all, small and great. This pious example has had a most beneficial influence, and we earnestly trust it may have a more beneficial influence still.

We received with all dutiful respect the Order in Council exhorting that prayer and thanksgiving should be offered up for Your Majesty at this Jubilee time, and we have given instructions that this be done in all our churches and chapels, and it will be done with true sincerity.

The Church of Scotland has ever been loyal to its Sovereign, it is doubly so to Your Majesty; it fervently thanks God for Your long and glorious reign, and it earnestly prays that Your Majesty's life may be still further prolonged that we may continue to enjoy all the blessings of civil and religious liberty.

Signed in our name and by our authority,
Geo. Hutchison, D.D., Moderator.

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

"I RECEIVE with great satisfaction your loyal and dutiful Address on the completion of the fiftieth year of my Reign.

"The affectionate attachment of the Established Church of Scotland to My Throne and Person has always afforded Me sincere gratification, and has been heartily appreciated by Me.

"I thank you for the prayers and thanksgivings which have been offered by your congregations on My behalf at this Jubilee time. I sincerely join with you in thanks to Almighty God for the progress and prosperity with which it has pleased Him to favour this Kingdom throughout the long period during which the cares and responsibilities of Sovereignty have been laid upon Me. The sympathy of My Scottish subjects in all My anxieties and sorrows has won My warmest regard, and I pray that God's blessing may ever attend on the people and the Church of Scotland."

Windsor Castle, July 6, 1887.

THIS day, His Grace the Archbishop of York and a Deputation from the Convocation of the Province of York, having received special permission, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address which was handed to Her Majesty:—

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 faithful subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of York, in Convocation assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our loyalty and devotion in this the fiftieth year of Your happy and prosperous reign. We desire to thank the Almighty, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who has continued Your Majesty's life, has blessed this nation with prosperity and safety, and has given to you the inestimable blessing of a loyal people devoted to your Person and Throne.

In Your Majesty's domestic joys and in the great sorrows with which it has pleased God to visit Your Majesty, we have felt a sincere sympathy, the power and progress of Your realm have probably never been greater in a like period than they have been during the past fifty years; whilst the quickened religious activity of the Church, and the progress in measures calculated to aid and improve Your people, have also been great. It is one title of Your Majesty to the affection in which Your subjects hold You, that You are ever ready to sympathise with what affects their welfare.

We assure Your Majesty of our continued affection and devotion, and when our prayers are offered in due course for our Sovereign they will carry with them to the Throne of Grace our earnest wish that You may be long spared with unimpaired powers to rule over a loyal and orderly people, advancing in material welfare and in obedience to the laws of God.

Dated at York this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord 1887.

Signed on behalf of the whole Convocation of the Province of York.

W. Ebor, President.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address on the completion of the fiftieth year of My Reign.

"It gives Me great satisfaction to recognise the good work done by the Clergy of the Province of York, not only in rural and sparsely populated parishes, but also in the teeming and busy districts of industrial life within their charge; so that as well in religious as in moral and material progress My subjects in the north of England are in no degree behind the rest of the United Kingdom.

"I heartily join with you in thankful acknowledgment of the many blessings which it has pleased God to vouchsafe to this Nation, and in humble supplication for a continuance of His mercies."

Windsor Castle, July 6, 1887.

THIS day Mr. Alderman Cochrane and a Deputation from the Loyal Citizens of Dublin, having received special permission, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:—

The Address of the Loyal Citizens of the City of Dublin, associated with the Loyal Inhabitants of the Metropolitan County, to Her Majesty the Queen, upon the occasion of the completion of the fiftieth year of Her Reign.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Loyal Citizens of the City of Dublin,