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THE following Addresses were received by the Queen, at the Albert Hall, on 4th July, 1887 :—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's faithful and dutiful subjects, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, assembled this day to celebrate our sixty-third anniversary, our branches, and sister societies mentioned underneath, humbly desire to assure Your Gracious Majesty of our most loyal devotion and fervent attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

We sincerely thank Almighty God for His great goodness in extending Your Majesty's life until now, and for permitting us, and all Your subjects, in this present time of peace, to celebrate with unbounded joy and gladness, and with one mind, a jubilee of Your prosperous Reign.

We respectfully desire to congratulate Your Majesty on the happy circumstance, that in no other time of the people of Your realms, have the arts, sciences, industry, commerce, education, general knowledge, and the moral and material elevation of our countrymen, been developed and extended as during the last half-century, for which blessings, we, and all Your Majesty's subjects, are unfeignedly thankful.

We rejoice that among the marks of that progress, none stands out in the annals of Your Kingdom with a more pleasing relief than a prevailing sense of the obligations of mankind towards the lower animals, and on this subject, specially, we are constrained to approach the Throne with feelings of the most profound gratitude, for the countenance which Your Majesty has ever given to our most righteous cause of justice and compassion to all God's creatures. We have good reason to recall the auspicious support generously granted by Your Majesty to the pioneers of our objects, more than fifty years ago, at a time when many of Your subjects were apparently unmindful of the humanising tendency of the practice of mercy and kindness towards animals, and therefore regarded our Society with open or veiled aversion, for in June, 1835, Your Majesty and Her Royal Highness, the deeply lamented Duchess of Kent,

graciously conferred dignity on our infant institution by becoming its patrons, and in the year 1840 Your Majesty directed that it should henceforth enjoy the prefix of "Royal" to its name. Mainly, we believe, from Your Majesty's foresight, wisdom, and goodness in granting such Royal countenance, our efforts have gained the confidence of the Nation, and our principles have spread to the ends of the earth. On this occasion, therefore, we, the members of the Parent Society and all sister associations, humbly desire to express our respectful and grateful affection towards Your Majesty, as well for Your benevolent and high example in our cause as for the encouragement which Your Royal co-operation has given to all earnest persons engaged in it.

We pray that the King of Kings may continue to endure You plenteously with heavenly gifts, and grant You in health and wealth long to reign over the peoples of Your mighty Empire, and that the choicest blessings of God may rest on Your Majesty and on every member of Your Royal House.

Signed on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and its branches at Liverpool, Manchester, Oxford, Leeds, Macclesfield, Cambridge, Nottingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hastings, York, Derby, Sunderland, Pontefract, Tiverton, Launceston, Carmarthen, Sidmouth, Clevedon, Reading, Reigate, Wakefield, Exeter, Southport, Leicestershire, Suffolk, Ramsgate, Cheshire, Putney, Crystal Palace District, Tottenham, Dewsbury, Whitby, Watford, Barnstaple, Cumberland, Westmoreland, Wigan, Mid Kent, Colchester, Essex, Dover, Brighton, Sussex, Burton-on-Trent, Preston, Forest Hill, Romsey, Taunton, Swansea, Portsmouth, Eastbourne, Harrogate, Folkestone, Farnham, Wrexham, Canterbury, Somerset, Exmouth, Tavistock, Woolwich, Cornwall, Llanudno, Torquay, South Devon, Cardiff, Southampton, Fylde, Bangor, Scarborough, Ryde, Bedford, Winchester, Aberystwith, Dawlish, Buxton, Northampton, Richmond (Surrey), Margate, East Kent, Wingham, Staffordshire, Wirral, Isle of Wight, Plymouth; and also in behalf of the following Sister Associations :—Dublin, Falmouth, Bath, Coventry, Bristol, Hull and East Riding, Norwich, Guildford, Stourbridge, Lichfield, Worcester, Cork, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Jersey, Belfast, Tonbridge, Dundee, Dunfermline, Douglas, Hampstead, Cheltenham, Wexford, Sheffield, Malvern,