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THIS day Mr. Frank H. Collier, of Chicago, waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address:—

To Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, QUEEN of Great Britain and Ireland, and Empress of India.

THE people of Chicago of British birth or parentage tender to Your Majesty our heartiest congratulations on the completion of the Fiftieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

Though outside the dominion of England's Throne, and most of us citizens and loyal citizens of the United States, we cannot forget the honour of our British birth or parentage and the dignity and privileges we owe to our native land.

With extreme satisfaction and humble gratitude to Almighty God, we hail the Jubilee of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, and rejoice with the people the world over, that Your Majesty has been so long spared to reign on the Throne of England and in the hearts of your subjects.

We review with great pleasure the prosperity our mother land has enjoyed under Your benign sovereignty, and the rapid strides science, arts, and manufacturing industries have made under Your Majesty's fostering hand.

The progress of the world in liberty, knowledge, and education during the last half century we cannot but recognize as owing to a great extent to Your Majesty's personal interest, not only in the well being of your subjects and the encouragement you have ever given to the development of the noblest and best in the lives and surroundings of Your own people, but also in the growth of this and other nations of the world, and especially in the welfare of the people once bound by the oppressive yoke of slavery.

As members of the great Anglo-Saxon race, whose destiny would seem to be to stamp the peaceful impress of its language and its laws upon the nations, we derive our highest pride, especially while living under a Republican Government, from the reflection that in celebrating with our kindred the world over this unique season of Jubilee, it is our inestimable privilege to be able to point to a Throne as the pure fountain from which spring those domestic virtues which are the safest bonds of family life, and on the prevalence and multiplication of which depends a nation's stability.

Your Majesty's expressed sympathy with the

American people in times of great bereavement, as evidenced by the wreaths you sent to adorn the tombs of Lincoln, Garfield, and Grant; Your personal interest in the City of Chicago at the time of its great fire, and the impetus Your gifts gave to the formation of its Public Library, and the sympathy shown by our President and people with Your Majesty in seasons of affliction, have been great factors in welding the mother and daughter nations into one harmonious people, and the peace and prosperity encircling Your Majesty's Dominions and these United States lend assurance to the hope that the Anglo-Saxon nations may continue hand in hand in the onward march of the centuries.

We heartily congratulate Your Majesty at this happy time, and together with Your faithful subjects at home and abroad, we pray that Your life may be spared to Your loving people many years, and Your reign continue to shed its illustrious light and beneficent influence until the Great Creator calls You to an eternal inheritance of the Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.

Frank H. Collier, Chairman,

Committee on Congratulatory Address.

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Executive Committee.

Attest—

M. M. Turnbull, President.

T. S. Quincey, Secretary.

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

“ I THANK you for the Address which you have presented to Me.

“ Coming as it does from persons of English birth beyond the seas, who retain feelings of love for the mother country, and sympathy for her welfare, I receive it with peculiar satisfaction.

“ That the people of Chicago should have given expression to these kind sentiments, not only towards the Anglo-Saxon race in these realms, but also towards Myself, is to Me a source of much gratification, and sustains Me in the belief that the friendship and goodwill which now exists between the two countries, and which I have always endeavoured to promote, are of a real and enduring character.”