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Whitehall, June 25, 1897.

THE following Address of Congratulation to the Queen was presented to Her Majesty on Her arrival at Paddington Station on the 21st instant :—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.
Most Gracious Sovereign,

AS representing the Inhabitants of the Borough of Paddington—a portion of the Metropolis with which Your Majesty has been familiar from childhood—We, the Chairman and Members of the Vestry of Paddington, desire to approach Your Gracious Majesty with our most respectful and heartfelt congratulations on this august and memorable occasion, when, by the blessing and protection of Almighty God, Your Majesty completes the Sixtieth Year of a wise and beneficent Reign.

That Reign has witnessed immense progress in every sphere of national activity, especially as regards the care of the young, the poor, and the aged; whilst the ennobling influence of Your Majesty's example has been such that it would be difficult to find many persons who are not occupied in some endeavour to help others in the sorrows and struggles of life.

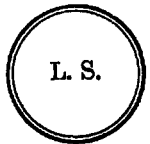
The recollection of Your Majesty's ever ready sympathy, displayed so often in times of national sorrow, is engraven upon the hearts of Your people. We are more especially reminded of Your solicitous care for the humblest of Your subjects in sickness and poverty by Your Majesty's gracious patronage of and interest in St. Mary's Hospital, an interest which was also manifested at the inauguration of the Hospital by the presence of Your Majesty's Royal, and lamented consort, and which we gratefully acknowledge is continued by Your beloved and honoured children.

The people of the borough of Paddington, the population of which has grown during Your Majesty's reign from 20,000 to 125,000, gratefully unite with their fellow citizens in the celebration of this the Sixtieth Anniversary of Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and they earnestly pray for a continuance of all those blessings which have hitherto been associated with Your Majesty's reign, the longest, as it is undoubtedly the most illustrious, in our country's history.

Walter Abbott, Chairman of the Vestry.
W. H. Mills, Vice-Chairman of the Vestry.
John Williams, } Churchwardens.
A. W. Black, }

The Seal of the Vestry affixed by order,

Frank Dethridge,
Vestry Clerk.



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

"I RECEIVE with Pleasure your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I rejoice with you that during My Occupation of the Throne the generous instincts of My People for the care of the Sick, the Aged, the Poor, and the Young, have exhibited themselves with such remarkable results as we see in this Parish and elsewhere; and My Sympathies and Good wishes shall ever be engaged in the furtherance of such beneficent works.

"The interest taken by My beloved Husband in these charitable foundations is now felt equally by the Prince of Wales and My other dear children: and I am happy to think it has formed not the weakest of the bonds of affection which unite My Subjects to My Throne and Family."

Whitehall, June 25, 1897.

THE following Addresses were presented to the Queen on the occasion of the Inspection by Her Majesty of the School Children assembled on Constitution Hill on the 23rd instant :—

The Marquis of Londonderry presented the Address drawn up by the London School Board, which was as follows :—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the School Board for London, desire to offer to Your Majesty our loyal and dutiful congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

We do so on the ground that for more than a quarter of a century, that is from the creation of the School Board for London by the Elementary Education Act of 1870, we have taken a considerable share in a work which we believe posterity will recognize as one of the most important of those undertaken during Your Majesty's long and beneficent Rule; and we are encouraged to take this step because we are convinced that Your Majesty has, at all times, warmly sympathised with the efforts which have been made to promote the elementary education of the people.