

We may also be allowed to recall to mind the firm support which was given by Your Majesty's honoured father, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, to Joseph Lancaster in the early efforts made by him for the promotion of Elementary Education, and also the warm interest which the late lamented Prince Consort took in this as in all other educational questions.

The School Board for London have reason to be especially grateful to members of Your Royal House for the encouragement given to their work on various occasions. Only three years and a half ago His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of York, publicly opened the Hugh Myddelton School, which had been built upon the foundations of what had been one of Your Majesty's prisons. The substitution of schools for prisons is an indication of a beneficent change in the general conduct of the people, which is synchronous with the great extension of the work of Elementary Schools. This change is evidenced by a gradual diminution of crime and a steady advance in the intellectual and moral condition of the people. And the Board have now an additional proof of Your Majesty's gracious goodwill in the fact that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will be present next July, as Your Majesty's representative, at the annual display of physical exercises in the Albert Hall.

We venture, therefore, whilst offering to Your Majesty our loyal and dutiful congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Reign, respectfully to congratulate Your Majesty also on the advance which, under Your Majesty's gracious countenance, has been made in the education of the people, and we earnestly pray that Your Majesty may live for many happy years, and may be permitted by the Almighty to watch with satisfaction the ever-increasing prosperity and welfare of Your subjects.

Londonderry, Chairman of the Board.
G. H. Croad, Clerk of the Board.

The following Address was next presented by the Bishop of London on behalf of the Church Schools:

To our Most Religious and Gracious QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the children of the Church, thank Almighty God for the many blessings of Your glorious Reign. We are sure that in so doing we speak not only for ourselves, but for all the children who in years past have been in our schools. None of Your Majesty's subjects are more loyal than the young. We remember that the great King of all kings received the children's hosannas, and we know that the religion which He revealed teaches us to honour our Sovereign because She is our Sovereign. Much more would He wish us to honour a Queen who has always been His faithful servant. Your Majesty has ever tried to promote the virtues which children should cultivate most of all—the virtues of purity, honesty, truth; and Your heart, which has so many to love, has always found a place for children.

We, at the beginning of our lives, desire to greet Your Majesty, so full of years and full of honour. Some of us may, perhaps, lay down our lives on battlefields-to-come for the country that we love and the Throne that we revere. We beg you to accept our child-like greetings, and we will pray our Lord Jesus Christ still to lengthen the Reign that has been so long and so honourable, and to make it shine out in the stories of kings

for ever, as a time when the blessings of Heaven have been most abundantly bestowed.

Signed on behalf of the Children of the Church Schools of London. *M. London.*

Address from the Catholic School Children.

To Her Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the children of the Catholic Schools of London, beg to offer You our hearty congratulations at this joyful season, when the country is celebrating the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's happy Reign.

We are thankful to Almighty God for the favour He has shown to You in preserving You as our Queen for a period exceeding that of the Reign of any former Sovereign, and for the many blessings enjoyed by our country during these sixty years, and which we children have been permitted especially to share.

We are informed that the number of children in Catholic Schools, which in the beginning of Your Majesty's Reign amounted to a few thousands, may now be reckoned at nearly a quarter of a million.

We trust that the lessons of obedience to the laws of our country and of loyalty to our Sovereign, which our religion inculcates, and which our teachers have impressed upon us, may never be forgotten, and that we may grow up to be faithful and devoted subjects of Your Majesty.

It will be our earnest prayer that God may yet spare You to us as our Queen for many years to come.

We shall always look back upon this happy day with satisfaction and pleasure, and with deep gratitude to Your Majesty for Your condescension and kindness in so graciously allowing us the great privilege of thus seeing You and offering to You this expression of our loyalty and dutiful affection. *Herbert Cardinal Vaughan.*
Norfolk.

The Address from the Wesleyan Educational Committee was presented by the Reverend Dr. Waller, Secretary of the Committee and ex-President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, and was to the following effect:—

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Wesleyan Educational Committee charged with the interests of the Day and Sunday Schools of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, humbly approach Your Majesty with sincere and profound attachment to the Person and Throne of Your Majesty, to present our most loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Your Majesty's glorious and beneficent Reign.

In the year in which Your Gracious Majesty ascended the Throne the Wesleyan Conference, impressed with the necessity of Christian education, appointed a Committee for educational purposes. This Committee, which has ever since been annually reappointed, acting under the direction and with the assistance of the Education Department of Your Majesty's Government, has promoted to the utmost of its power the establishment and maintenance of Elementary Day Schools. It has also founded two Training Colleges, from which more than 4,000 selected teachers have gone forth to instruct the children of Your people, not only in the elements of common knowledge, but also in those vital truths of religion which are the truest foundation of sound character and civic virtue.