

in Your Majesty's Colonial Possessions, in the advance, extension, and improvement of popular education, and in a demand for higher culture and healthier conditions of life, together with an increase of loyalty to the Throne and of devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person. We cannot forget how largely the warmth of such feelings is due to the example of Your Majesty's domestic life, and to Your Majesty's power of drawing to Yourself the hearts of Your subjects by unflinching thoughtfulness and sympathy with them, and by the corresponding calls on their sympathy which have arisen so often in the varied joys and sorrows of Your Majesty's life.

In offering to Your Majesty our hearty and respectful congratulations, we join in the hope and prayer that God's blessing on Your Majesty's life and work may continue to prosper this happy Reign, to Your Majesty's peace and comfort, and to the happiness and welfare of a grateful and united People.

*J. J. Hornby*, Provost.

*F. Warre Cornish*, Vice-Provost and Fellow.

*W. A. Carter*, Fellow.

*Edmond Warre*, Head Master.

*E. C. Austen Leigh*, Lower Master.

And other Masters.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful congratulations on the attainment of the Sixtieth Year of My Reign and for your expressions of devotion to My Throne and Person.

"It is a source of the greatest happiness to Me to feel that your appreciation of the marked progress of My Country in wealth, knowledge, and refinement is, by God's Blessing, justified in even greater measure now than when you addressed Me ten years since, and I join in your prayer for the continuance of these blessings.

"I confidently hope that the intellectual activity of My people and their capacity for orderly social and industrial development will in future manifest themselves in still fuller measure of welfare in consequence of the improved means of knowledge provided for all classes of My subjects."

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the King's Scholars and Oppidans of Your Royal College and School of Eton, humbly ask permission to approach Your Majesty with the most loyal and dutiful expression of heartfelt congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's ever memorable Reign.

Ten years ago it was permitted to our predecessors in this which they truly spoke of as this happy school, placed by the loving care of Your Royal Ancestor, our pious Founder, King Henry VI, under the very shadow and protection of the Royal residence, to promise that they would hand on to them that came after them, as a sacred tradition, a spirit of affection and devotion to the Crown. This they have not failed to do, and we, their successors, animated by the same spirit, pray that we may be allowed to repeat the same promise.

Our generation, no less than theirs, has every reason to manifest its gratitude to Your Majesty for the gracious condescension and kindly consideration that has been shown to us on so many occasions, and for the interest that Your Majesty has taken in all that concerns the welfare of the School, which is proud to include in its numbers members of Your own Royal Family.

It is therefore with the deepest feelings of loyalty and personal devotion to Your Majesty, that we humbly offer our congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Reign; a reign to which, whether we consider the prosperity and progress of the Nation, or the wisdom and beneficence of the Monarch, we can find no equal.

May we add to this the prayer of our hearts, that by the blessing of God Your Majesty may long be spared to us in the enjoyment of health and peace and happiness, swaying the sceptre of a world-wide Empire, and reigning as now in the affections of your people.

*C. U. Browning*, K.S.,

Captain of the School.

*F. H. Mitchell*,

Captain of Oppidans.

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

"I THANK you most heartily for your loyal Address, and your congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of My Reign. I am deeply gratified to receive afresh from the Scholars of this great College and School, amongst whom is included my dear Grandson, Prince Arthur of Connaught, such warm expression of their traditional attachment to My Throne and Person."

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

The Loyal and Dutiful Address of the Eton Urban District Council.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Chairman and Members of the Eton Urban District Council, on behalf of the inhabitants of the town of Eton, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our most loyal and sincere congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's great and glorious Reign.

With deep gratitude we remember the many blessings that have been vouchsafed to us during this prolonged period, and we value most highly the privilege of being able to offer to Your Majesty in person the assurance of our unalterable devotion to the Throne.

We feel that under God's Providence Your Majesty's constant anxiety for the true welfare of all classes of Your Majesty's subjects has been of great and incalculable value in the promotion of the national prosperity.

It is our fervent and humble prayer that your Majesty's life may long be spared to rule the destinies of this great Empire in peace and happiness, secure in the allegiance of a loyal and devoted people.

*Edw. C. Austen Leigh*, Chairman.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address and for your expressions of attachment to My Throne and Person.

"I am deeply gratified by the warmth with which you and other residents in this neighbourhood take part in the congratulations which are reaching me from all parts of My Realm and all classes of My subjects; and I join in your prayers that the Almighty may be pleased to continue the blessings which He has granted to our Country during the Sixty Years of My Reign."