

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.
The Humble Address of the Conservators of the
River Thames.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Conservators of the River Thames, desire to express our humble congratulations on Your Majesty's attainment of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Your Reign, and our deep sense of the benefits which the public frequenting the River have enjoyed under Your beneficent Rule.

The River Thames has for many centuries past been the subject of solicitude of Your Majesty and of Your illustrious predecessors, and has been honoured by the residence on its banks of the Sovereigns of this Kingdom, not only in the Metropolis, but on its upper and lower reaches.

The Thames, as the river on which the greatest port in the United Kingdom is situated, has shared in the great growth which has accrued to the commerce of the United Kingdom during the Sixty Years which have passed since Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne, the tonnage of the Port of London having increased in that period from six millions to twenty-two millions of tons.

During the same period the river above London has become the pleasure resort of the inhabitants of the Metropolis and of the surrounding districts, and the legislative enactments which have been passed during Your Majesty's Reign have greatly conduced to this result.

On behalf of the large number of Your Majesty's subjects who use the River for the purpose of business and recreation, we desire to express our sincere and ardent gratitude for the interest You have always exhibited for their welfare and happiness, and for the interest that You have always taken in the River and in those who inhabit its banks.

May Your Majesty long live in the enjoyment of health and the highest blessings which Divine Providence can bestow, and may a rule which has conferred such unparalleled benefits on millions of the human race be yet prolonged for many years.
F. Dixon-Hartland, Chairman.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"As a dweller by the banks of our beautiful river, I am specially gratified to think of the marvellous development of the commerce which is borne on its waters, and of its use as a resort for pleasant and healthy recreation by My subjects.

"I trust that you will continue your praiseworthy efforts for the preservation and enhancement of the beauty and utility of the Thames, and for the security from floods of the dwellers in its valley."

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May it please Your Majesty,

WE, Your loyal subjects, inhabitants of the Borough of New Windsor and its neighbourhood, beg leave to offer our most respectful and dutiful congratulations on the happy completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's beneficent reign.

We most heartily welcome Your Majesty upon Your return from the enthusiastic demonstrations of Your people in the capital of Your Kingdom to the Royal Residence round which it is our privilege to dwell.

We ask permission to assure Your Majesty that we are very sensible of the gratitude due from us

for the munificent support given by Your Royal House to every attempt to promote the religious and social welfare of all in and near Windsor; to extend the benefits of education and to relieve the wants of the sick and needy among us.

We earnestly hope that we may be allowed to enjoy for years to come the blessing of Your Majesty's reign over this vast Empire, and we pray that the protection of the Almighty and the affection of Your people may be continued to Your Majesty all the days of Your life.

George Henry Long,
Chairman of Committee.

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

"I THANK you for your hearty welcome and dutiful Address of congratulation.

"Among the numerous manifestations of loyalty and affection which have reached me from all parts of My Realm, I value not the least highly the good wishes and Prayers of My loving subjects and neighbours at Windsor; and I shall always have at heart the welfare and interests of this Town."

Whitehall, June 24, 1897.

THE following Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty attaining the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, have been laid before Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:—

To Her Most Excellent Majesty Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith.

MAY it please Your Most Gracious Majesty to receive from His Royal Highness the Chancellor and the Members of the University of Wales their loyal and dutiful felicitations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's auspicious and beneficent Reign; a Reign memorable beyond record alike for the magnitude of human achievement it has witnessed, for the loving reverence which the wisdom and virtues of the Sovereign have won from the hearts of her subjects, and for the continued prosperity it has pleased Divine Providence to vouchsafe to the realm.

Future generations will recall with pride the ample roll of names of Your Majesty's subjects illustrious in literature, in science and in invention which attests the intellectual to have matched the material splendour of the time; they will no less regard the renewed life of the ancient seats of learning in the Kingdom, the copious birth of new Schools, Colleges, and Universities, and the establishment of universal instruction throughout Your Majesty's dominions, as monuments of an educational advance unparalleled in any preceding age.

In this Your Majesty's loyal people of Wales have especial reason to rejoice. They have seen a long-cherished hope fulfilled, a barrier to their advancement removed, and a new avenue of usefulness opened to them by the provision amongst them of educational means adapted to their needs and suited to the circumstances of their country. The establishment of the existing national system of Higher and Intermediate Education, which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to