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*Whitehall, July 1, 1897.*

**T**HE following Address of Congratulation to the Queen was presented to Her Majesty on the occasion of Her visit to Kensington on the 28th ultimo :—

To the **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

**WE**, the Chairman, Vicar, Churchwardens, Members of the Vestry, and inhabitants of the Borough of Kensington, approach Your Majesty with this, the expression of our unfaltering allegiance to Your Throne and Person.

We are deeply sensible of the gracious kindness which has prompted Your Majesty once more to visit the place of Your birth and childhood. This, too, at a time when above and beyond the "cares that yoke with Empire," and the heavy and anxious duties of Your exalted place and station, the claims of all Your loyal subjects upon Your Majesty's time are many and are great.

Sixty years ago Your Majesty was called from Your home amongst us to ascend the Throne of Your ever increasing dominions, whose citizens from every quarter of the world now through our Imperial City to tender to Your Majesty their homage and their affection.

However glorious Your Majesty's reign has been, however great Your Empire may have grown, we rejoice to think that both at home and abroad the happiness and welfare of Your people have been widened and deepened. In their joys Your Majesty has ever taken part. In their sorrows, not ignorant of grief Yourself, You have ever shared.

Thus it is, and why it is, that Your Majesty witnesses a sight, nobler and grander no human eye has ever seen, the great home-coming of the English nation.

We humbly pray that the Almighty Ruler of the Universe may bless Your Majesty in the years that may be yet to come with every happiness that life and time can give, and with this not least or last the love of an united, a great, and an understanding people.

The Common Seal of the Vestry of the Parish of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, was hereunto affixed this 28th day of June, 1897.

L. S.

*T. W. Wheeler, Chairman.  
Wm. Chambers Leete, Vestry Clerk.*

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

"**I THANK** you for your loyal and kind Address. It gives Me great pleasure to receive this assurance of devotion and goodwill from the inhabitants of Kensington, and I gladly renew My association with a place which, as the scene of My birth and of My summons to the Throne, has ever had and will ever have with Me solemn and tender recollections."

*Whitehall, July 1, 1897.*

**T**HE 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 the **QUEEN's** Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**WE**, Your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, humbly beg permission to offer our heartfelt congratulations to Your Majesty on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Your Majesty's Accession.

That those signal blessings of health and wealth, peace, and prosperity, which it has pleased Almighty God so abundantly to bestow on Your Majesty, throughout Your ever memorable Reign, and which have been so well and faithfully used by Your Majesty for the social and moral, as well as the material, advancement of Your Majesty's people, may be continued throughout the years which in God's good Providence may yet be granted to Your Majesty and to them will ever be our earnest prayer.

The Common Seal of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District was affixed by order of the Managers in the presence of

*Edwin H. Galsworthy, Chairman.  
T. Duncombe Mann, Clerk.*

L. S.