

Rule have been remarkable beyond all previous epochs for the progress and development that have been continuously made in the arts and sciences, and the marvellous resources of civilization, and the health, prosperity, and happiness of the people have been conspicuously advanced.

We devoutly thank Almighty God that such manifold blessings have been vouchsafed to the vast Empire over which Your Majesty reigns as Queen and Empress, so wisely and so well, and we humbly pray that, in His infinite mercy, a life so dear to Her people as that of their beloved Sovereign, may long be spared to them.

*John B. Monckton, Town Clerk.*

Guildhall, June 17, 1897.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address; and I avail Myself of this occasion to publicly state how deeply I have been moved by the many touching tributes of affection tendered to Me by the inhabitants of London on the Commemoration of the long duration of My Reign.

"It affords Me great pleasure to reflect that during the period within My recollection, in which by the blessing of God, so much has been done, through the genius and energy of My people, to advance those peaceful arts, sciences, and crafts which promote the welfare of humanity at large, the citizens of London have maintained their world-wide reputation for hospitality, liberality, and enterprise; and the past record of the Corporation inspires Me with the confident hope that they will in future worthily exercise the powers entrusted to them for the benefit of their fellow-citizens."

*Windsor Castle, July 8, 1897.*

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir George Fandel-Phillips, Bart., Lord Mayor of London, Charles John Todd, Esq., William Henry Nicholls, Esq., and eighty-four others, Her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address:—

The Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty. The humble and dutiful Address of the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen and other Your Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, and other Your Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, beg leave to approach Your Majesty for the purpose of expressing our most heartfelt congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

During this unprecedentedly long period Your Majesty has ruled over Your subjects in every inhabited quarter of the Globe, with a wisdom, impartiality, and beneficence unexampled in the history of the world, sympathising with them in times of trouble, and rejoicing with them in seasons of prosperity.

The success which, under Providence, has attended Your Majesty's most benign Rule is attested by the general welfare of all classes of Your Majesty's subjects, and by their devoted affection for Your Majesty and Your Royal House.

The progress of the arts and sciences, resulting

in great scientific discoveries, and the material improvement in the condition of the peoples of diverse races comprised within the vast British Empire, alike bear witness to the wisdom of Your Majesty's Government, under which the national prosperity, secure in the privileges and liberties of a constitution which is the admiration of all nations, has exhibited a development to which no parallel can be found.

We humbly offer to Your Majesty our warmest felicitations on the auspicious occasion, which Your Majesty's loyal and affectionate subjects are now celebrating with universal rejoicing, and with thankfulness to the Gracious Providence by which Your Majesty has been so long sustained; and we pray that it may please the Almighty to prolong Your Majesty's reign for many years to come, in the enjoyment of health and in the continued possession of the affection of Your Majesty's devoted subjects.

By order of Court,

*H. Grose Smith, Clerk.*

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"The great advance which has taken place within My recollection in the prosperity and welfare of My subjects fills me with gratitude to Almighty God, and I pray that the peoples of all races within the borders of My Empire may ever be blessed with His Grace and Favour."

*Windsor Castle, July 8, 1897.*

THIS day W. J. Collins, Esq., M.D., J.P., Chairman of the London County Council, R. M. Beachcroft, Esq., Vice-Chairman, A. M. Torrance, Esq., J.P., Deputy Chairman, and one hundred Members of the Council waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address:—

The Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Chairman and Members of the London County Council, desire to lay before Your Majesty an expression of our loyal and dutiful attachment, and of our most sincere congratulations on the approaching completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's beneficent Reign.

In common with our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire we rejoice at the unprecedented length to which Your Majesty's constitutional rule has already extended, and fervently trust that Your Majesty's dominion and high example may be long continued to the great advantage and prosperity of all classes of Your subjects.

The past Sixty Years have been fruitful beyond all previous experience in the continuous development of arts and sciences, in diffusion of knowledge, the expansion of commerce, and the amelioration of the condition of all workers in the great centres of industry.

As the Governing Body of the Metropolis of the Empire we recall with gratitude and satisfaction the vast improvements which have been effected in the Local Government of large towns of this country under laws which have come into operation during Your Majesty's Reign. It is our privilege to minister to the wants of London in regard to matters on which depend the good government and health of this the greatest city the world has ever seen, and we believe that it is