

of all differences between this country and the United States of America.

In the dark cloud which now, we trust only for a time, overshadows Thy Indian Empire, the sufferings of so many millions of our famine-stricken fellow subjects justly claim our deepest sympathy. Whilst hailing with satisfaction the vigorous measures adopted for their relief, we would express our warm desire that this afflictive dispensation may serve afresh impressively to remind us of the solemn obligation, inseparable from our assumption of the Empire of India, for the firm and unflinching maintenance of a wise and Christian policy in all our relations to our fellow subjects throughout that vast dependency.

Looking to the enormous increase which has taken place within Thy Reign in the possessions and influence of this Country throughout the World, we are cheered by the persuasion that it is Thy earnest desire that this great stewardship of influence may ever be exerted in the maintenance of equal right and justice, towards all the peoples and races within Thy vast dominions; and that the simple Christianity of our Lord Jesus Christ presented to us in Holy Scripture as the only foundation for the welfare either of individuals or of nations, may ever continue to be the stability of Thy Throne, and to guide and control the acts of Thy Government.

That Thou, our Beloved Sovereign, mayst be spared for years to come, to exercise Thy beneficent Rule over Thy widely extended dominions: and that when Thy earthly service shall have been fulfilled, Thou mayst, in the Lord's unmerited mercy, be permitted through His redeeming grace to enter with acceptance into His immediate Presence to serve Him without weariness, and with everlasting praise, is the fervent prayer of Thy loyal and faithful subjects.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting.
Albert J. Crosfield, Clerk.

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

"I THANK you for your dutiful Address, and I am much pleased at receiving again in Person the congratulations and loyal good wishes of the Society of Friends.

"I share your gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings which He has vouchsafed to My people, among which none have been a greater consolation to Me than the Peace and Social Order on which the prosperity of My country is based, and the growth of that Spirit of Philanthropy and consideration for others, without which welfare would be unattended with happiness.

"I pray that these good influences, which the Society of Friends have so honourably upheld, may ever prevail among My subjects."

Windsor Castle, July 15, 1897.

THIS day the Right Honourable Lord Lister and a Deputation from the Royal Society of London waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address:—

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

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, your loyal and dutiful subjects the President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal Society of London, humbly beg leave to offer to Your

Most Gracious Majesty, the beloved Patron of our Society, our respectful and sincere congratulations on the happy conclusion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Most Gracious Majesty's Reign, a Reign which has extended over a longer period than has that of any of Your Majesty's illustrious Predecessors. Not in the number of years only has Your Majesty's Reign surpassed all others, it has also been marked by unexampled prosperity and progress. Conspicuous in that progress, and an acknowledged cause of that prosperity, has been the marvellous advancement during Your Majesty's Reign of that Natural Knowledge, to promote which Your Majesty's illustrious Predecessor, King Charles II, founded the Royal Society. Your humble and devoted servants the Fellows of the Royal Society feel that they, in common with all men of science, have especial reason to rejoice in the long continuance of Your Majesty's beneficent rule:

We beg Your Majesty graciously to receive this token of the loyal devotion which the men of science of this country feel towards their Sovereign Lady the Queen.

And we shall ever pray that Your Most Gracious Majesty may be spared for many years to reign over Your dutiful and loving people.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I am much gratified by the attachment which your ancient and learned Society expresses to My Throne and Person.

"I am fully sensible how far the labours and ingenuity of men of science, whom you worthily represent, have advanced the industrial and social prosperity of My People, and have tended alike to their good and refinement; and I confidently expect the same excellent fruit in years to come from the indefatigable and reverent Investigation of Nature for the promotion of which the Royal Society was founded."

Whitehall, July 20, 1897.

THE following Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty completing 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 Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Your Majesty's loyal and historic city of Londonderry, as the representatives of the citizens and on our own behalf, approach Your Majesty with our most respectful and affectionate congratulations on completing the Record Reign of Sixty Years over the greatest and most prosperous Empire in the world.

We, in common with millions of Your dutiful subjects, have taken the deepest interest in everything concerning your Majesty's career, and have noted with pride and admiration those great qualities of head and heart which have caused your Majesty to be universally recognized as the wisest and kindest of constitutional monarchs.

It is now known to all who have lived under Your Majesty's beneficent rule that Your mighty influence has ever been used in promoting the