

prosperity and happiness of Your loving subjects, and that Your sympathy has ever been extended to the sorrowful and afflicted.

We thank Almighty God that Your Majesty's pure and noble life has been extended to such a period, and that Your Majesty has the felicity of seeing Your descendants in the fourth generation, and that the rulers of two of the great European nations are proud to claim You as their ancestress.

We pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to reign over this vast realm, and that every earthly blessing may be accorded to You our august and venerated Sovereign.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation of Londonderry.

John B. Johnston, Mayor.

R. Newman Chambers, Knt., Town Clerk.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Lowestoft, desire humbly to offer to Your Majesty an assurance of our continued loyalty and affection and our hearty and dutiful congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

We gratefully recognize that it is to the wise and beneficent manner in which Your Majesty has presided over the affairs of Your Dominions that Your Majesty's subjects owe much of the unparalleled prosperity which they have enjoyed, the legislation which has continually advanced the welfare and happiness of all classes of Your people, and the extension and consolidation of the Empire over which, in the Divine Providence, Your Majesty has been called to rule.

We earnestly hope that Your Majesty's reign may be prolonged for many years, and that it may please Almighty God to continue to Your Majesty and to Your Majesty's realms the blessings which have been hitherto vouchsafed.

Given under the common seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Lowestoft, this 8th day of June, 1897.

Adam Adams, Mayor.

Alfred G. Lucas, Deputy Mayor.

R. B. Nicholson, Town Clerk.

L. S.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Tunbridge Wells, most humbly and with the deepest feelings of loyalty offer to Your Majesty the expression of our joy and thankfulness that by God's providence Your Majesty has been spared to reign for sixty years over this mighty Empire of Great and Greater Britain.

Your Majesty's glorious rule and the bright and exalted example of Your good life has led Your people through joy and sorrow to a period of contentment and prosperity unexampled in the history of Nations.

Your Majesty's name will, for ages to come, be honoured and revered throughout the civilized world.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesty may yet reign for many years over a loyal and happy people surrounded and encouraged by their love and devotion.

Given under the Common Seal in the presence of

C. R. Fletcher Lutwidge, Mayor.
W. C. Cripps, Town Clerk.

L. S.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Presidents, Chairman, Executive, and Members of the Church of England Temperance Society, desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our hearty congratulations on the completion of Sixty Years of Your Reign, and of thankfulness for all the blessings which have followed upon Your Majesty's beneficent Rule.

Among these, not the least conspicuous has been the waking up of the nation to a sense of the reproach brought upon it by the existence of a great national vice—that of intemperance—and to sympathy with the efforts which have been made to put an end to it.

It is now 22 years since, armed with the sanction of the then Primate, and in the full recognition of the accepted truth that "the Queen's name is a tower of strength," we addressed to Your Majesty a petition that You would become the Patron of the associated work on which, under the name of the Church of England Temperance Society, the Church had embarked.

In acceding to this You were pleased to say that Your consent was given on the understanding that the Society "was organized upon a basis which includes all who advocate temperance, without insisting necessarily on total abstinence."

The words were an exact expression of the principles upon which our whole work was based; not, indeed, as necessitating any surrender of that advocacy of total abstinence, in which for more than 10 years our founders had been engaged, but as leaving the adoption of the practice to every man's Christian discretion; while for those who in the exercise of that discretion did not see the need for this abridgment of their liberty a common platform was provided, in the formation of Bands of Hope, in the preparation of legislative enactments, and the reformation social customs.

It has been to the faithful carrying out of these principles that the growth of the Society—till its borders have become commensurate with those of the Church itself—must be referred. It is to this that it is due—that pulpits of the Church have been freely opened to us which had been previously closed; to this, that the organization has extended itself to the sister Churches of Ireland and America, and in great measure to the Colonial Churches throughout the Empire; to this, that a variety of subsidiary agencies—such as the Police Court Mission, the Women's Union, the Church of England Temperance Benefit Society (for men, women, and children), the Army and Railway Associations, the Van Mission, the United Committee for Rescuing the Heathen Lands from that traffic in intoxicants which, in the name of commerce, had been forced upon them—have come into being; to this, and to kindred efforts, that a public opinion is forming, slowly but surely, which shall give to England the place of leadership in Temperance Reformation.

For this success, our thanks are primarily due to Him by Whom "kings reign and princes decree justice;" but not forgetting the part which He has assigned to Your Majesty as the crowned leader and commander of the people in the greatest Empire that the world has yet known, we can only see in the event of to-day a fulfilment of the twofold promise made to the Church of old