

Dating their formation from the earlier years of Your Majesty's Reign, the Associations are an outcome of the Religious Liberty won for the Country by the Reformation, while they owe much of their usefulness to the exercise of that freedom of conscience, the securing of which to Your Majesty's subjects has been a marked characteristic of the enlightened and wise legislation with which Your Majesty's Reign must always remain identified.

Your Majesty's Illustrious Example has made it easier for all classes of Your subjects, including those occupying the most exalted stations, to recognize that there exists a claim upon them to devote themselves to some helpful and necessary work in the interests of those around them; and in directing attention to the circumstances and needs of young men—multitudes of whom are removed from the protective influences of home life at a critical period in their history—as well as to the duty of organizing preventive and remedial agencies in their behalf, the Associations humbly trust that while their efforts have proved conducive to the material and moral advancement of young men, they have shared also in some degree the high privilege and honour of promoting that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

The Associations, including those of Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, and other of Your Majesty's Colonies and Dependencies—forming part of a World-wide Federation, comprising over six thousand branches, with an enrolled membership of more than half a million—earnestly pray that God will graciously vouchsafe to Your Majesty and to the countries under Your rule, a continuance of all those blessings which have made Your Majesty's reign the longest, the most prosperous, and most illustrious in our Country's history.

Signed on behalf of the Associations.

*George Williams, President.*

27th May, 1897.

[Presented by Sir George Williams (President), the Right Honourable Lord Kinnaird (Vice-President) (proposer), F. A. Bevan, Esq., J.P., D.L. (Vice-President) (seconder), W. H. Seagram, Esq., W. H. Mills, Esq., and J. H. Putterill, Esq. (members of the National Council).]

To Her Gracious Majesty VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Colonies and Dependencies thereof in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, and Empress of India, Sovereign of the Orders of the Garter, Thistle, Bath, St. Patrick, Star of India, and St. Michael and St. George.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, beg to offer to Your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations on the auspicious occasion of the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's glorious Reign, together with a renewed expression of our devoted loyalty and attachment to Your Throne and Person.

Ten years have elapsed since it became our pleasing duty to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our cordial good wishes and felicitations upon the completion of the fiftieth year of Your reign. During that eventful decade many sorrows have fallen to Your lot. These have been shared by Your people, who have year by year been drawn closer to Your Royal Person by ties of affectionate regard. Nor have they failed to

notice how nobly You have borne Yourself in times of affliction as well as of happiness, or how thoroughly You have made their joys and sorrows Your own.

We recognize with grateful appreciation the favour which Your Majesty, in common with Your illustrious and deeply-lamented Consort, has ever extended to our profession.

It is also a matter for congratulation that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and other Members of the Royal Family, following the example of their illustrious Parents, have always displayed a similar kindly interest with that Profession in its efforts for the advancement of Medical Science as well as the preservation and improvement of the health of the Nation.

That the Almighty may be pleased to spare Your Gracious Majesty for many years to come to guide the destinies of the mighty Empire over which You have so long and so nobly ruled, is the earnest prayer of us, Your Majesty's loyal subjects and dutiful servants, the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

*George F. Duffey, M.D., President.*

*James Craig, M.D., Registrar.*

21st June, 1897.

[Presented by G. F. Duffey, Esq., M.D. (President), James Craig, Esq., M.D., Fellow and Registrar (proposer), John W. Moore, Esq., M.D., Fellow and ex-Registrar (seconder), James Little, Esq., M.D., and T. W. Grimshaw, Esq., C.B., M.D. (ex-Presidents).]

To Her Most Excellent Majesty VICTORIA, QUEEN of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the President, Vice-President, and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, desire to be associated with Your Majesty's loyal and devoted subjects in offering our warmest and most heartfelt felicitations on Your completing the Sixtieth Year of Your glorious Reign; a Reign unique in the history of the United Kingdom, not merely from its length, but also from its being synchronous with a period of prosperity, of progress in the Arts and Sciences—notably in those to which we have devoted our lives—and of civil and religious liberty, which is unexampled in the annals of this Realm.

We trust that Your great and ever extending Empire may continue to enjoy the signal blessings that have accrued to it under Your Majesty's beneficent rule, and that the most precious gifts granted to us—health, happiness, prosperity, and peace—may for many years to come be bestowed on Your Majesty, as well as on those who are nearest and dearest to You.

*William Thomson, President.*

*Robert L. Swan, Vice-President.*

*Charles A. Cameron, Secretary.*

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*Robert H. Woods, Secretary of Council.*

13th May, 1897.

[Presented by W. Thomson, Esq. (President), R. L. Swan, Esq. (proposer), A. Jacob, Esq.