

[Presented by Edgar Farman, Esq., Robert Walker, Esq., J.P. (proposer), Ellis Marsland, Esq. (seconder), W. L. Emden, Esq., J.P., H. Lovegrove, Esq., A.R.I.B.A., and Major F. S. Leslie, R.E.]

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN
VICTORIA.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the President and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, beg to offer to Your Majesty our most loyal and hearty congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Reign.

Since His Majesty George III founded our Academy in 1786, each reigning Sovereign of Great Britain and Ireland has been our patron.

Established in the Kingdom of Ireland for the study of Science, Polite Literature, and Antiquities, we and our predecessors have now, for over a century, devoted ourselves to this task, and we are gratified to know that the published records of our labours are in Your Majesty's library at Windsor.

We tender to Your Majesty the assurance of our loyal devotion, and we pray that You may be long spared to occupy the Throne of these realms.

Signed on behalf of the Royal Irish Academy,
Rosse, President.

E. Perceval Wright, M.D., Secretary.
Academy House, Dawson-street,

Dublin, June 14, 1897.

[Presented by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosse, J. K. Garstin, Esq., D.L. (proposer), and the Right Honourable Viscount Powerscourt (seconder).]

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, the Warden, Fellows, Masters, Scholars, and Commoners of Winchester College, desire to approach Your Majesty with the warmest feelings of loyalty to the Throne and devotion to Your Majesty's Person. We are deeply sensible of the inestimable blessings which the Almighty has conferred upon this country during the Sixty Years of Your Majesty's Reign, and we thankfully acknowledge that Your Majesty's pure and lofty example in every relation of life has produced the most beneficial effects upon all classes of Your Majesty's subjects. We earnestly pray that the blessing of the Almighty may continue to rest upon the Throne of these realms, and that in God's good Providence Your Majesty may be spared for many years to reign over a prosperous and grateful nation.

Given under our Seal this twenty-first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

[Presented by the Reverend the Warden of the College, the Reverend W. A. Fearon, D.D. (proposer), the Reverend G. Richardson (seconder), the Reverend C. H. Hawkins, W. N. Weech, Esq., (Senior Scholar), and E. de G. Lucas, Esq. (Senior Commoner).]

To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Chancellor, Doctors, and Masters of the University of Dublin, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with our respectful congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Reign.

In common with all the loyal subjects of Your great Empire, we look back with gratitude and pride on the many and eventful years of Your Majesty's Reign. We thankfully recognize the

extent to which the progress and happiness of those years is due to the personal influence of Your Majesty, and to the bright example which You have set in public and private life.

You have taught a home-loving people to reverence the Sovereign, not only as the Head of the State, but as the model of domestic virtue.

By Your ready sympathy with suffering in all its forms, and by Your gracious interest in the welfare of all classes of the community, You have done much to encourage and promote the spirit of social unity. The increasing interest which is felt in the instruction, health, comfort, and recreation of the masses of Your subjects, is traceable not only in the course of legislation during Your Reign, but in the growing readiness of those who are in the enjoyment of wealth and leisure to employ these gifts in the relief of suffering humanity.

While we cordially share in the feelings of loyalty and attachment which animate Your Majesty's subjects generally, we have a special interest, as members of a learned body, in the intellectual progress for which Your Reign is pre-eminently distinguished.

In Literature, the Victorian age will be for ever remembered, with those of Elizabeth, Augustus, and Pericles, as one of the periods in the history of our race when the human intellect has borne its ripest and most precious fruits.

Still more remarkable has been the progress of science, especially in its practical application to the service of mankind. The practice of Surgery, the more important of our manufactures, and almost every department of industry, have been largely affected by the scientific discoveries and inventions of the past sixty years. The practical application of the forces of steam and electricity has brought the most distant parts of the Globe into communication; and it is not too much to hope that this marvellous result, achieved in Your Majesty's reign, may, in fulness of time, lead to a better understanding and a closer union among the nations of the earth.

Founded by another great Queen, the University of Dublin has in Your Majesty's reign, by the final abolition of tests, attained its full development as an institution whose emoluments, offices, and distinctions are open without restriction to all the subjects of the Crown. We have endeavoured to take our part as a University in the work of intellectual culture; and we note with gratitude and hopefulness that the three centuries of our corporate existence—though they have seen the rise and fall of many institutions—have been for us a period of uninterrupted progress, without organic change.

We tender to Your Majesty the earnest assurance of our devoted loyalty to Your Throne and Person, and we pray that Your reign may be prolonged, so as to develop more fully and extend more widely the blessings of Your just and beneficent rule.

Rosse, Chancellor.

[Presented by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rosse, the Right Honourable E. H. Carson, M.P. (proposer), and the Right Honourable W. E. H. Lecky, M.P. (seconder).]

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Chancellor and Senate of the Royal University of Ireland, in common with the rest of Your Majesty's subjects throughout Your great Empire, respectfully offer You our dutiful congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your glorious Reign.