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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 the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

WE, Your Majesty's most faithful and loyal subjects the Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England, venture with profound respect, on this the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign over these Kingdoms and the vast Empire of the British Crown, humbly to offer our dutiful and heartfelt congratulations, and to express our continued and unswerving loyalty to Your Majesty, and our gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe, who has distinguished Your Majesty's Reign by a length exceeding that of any of Your predecessors, and by the continued and unexampled increase of happiness and prosperity throughout Your Majesty's dominions.

No class of Your Majesty's subjects outvies in loyal attachment to the Throne and devotion to Your Majesty's Person, the Ancient Institution of English Freemasonry, which, founded on the purest principles of religion and morality, is also characterized by its unvarying support of the existing institutions of the Country, and by the maintenance of universal charity and brotherhood.

We pray that the Almighty may continue and multiply on Your Majesty those blessings which have hitherto signalized Your Majesty's beneficent Reign, and that, enshrined in the hearts of all Your subjects by ever-deepening feelings of loyalty and devotion, Your Majesty's Reign may always be attended with the blessings of peace, unity, and prosperity.

Dated at the Royal Albert Hall, London, this 14th day of June, 1897.

Albert Edward, P.
Grand Master.

Frederick A. Philbrick,
Grand Registrar.
E. Lechworth,
Grand Secretary.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Free and Accepted Masons of Ireland in our Grand Lodge assembled, venture with the most profound and loyal respect to tender to Your Majesty our congratulations upon the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your glorious Reign.

We feel that we are specially entitled to approach Your Majesty upon such an eventful occasion, inasmuch as our Order has not only numbered amongst its members several of Your Majesty's Royal Ancestors, but we have also the privilege of claiming at present as belonging to our craft many of Your Majesty's descendants.

As Masons we have learned that next to our duty to Almighty God comes our duty to our Sovereign, and we can truly assure Your Majesty that throughout Your Majesty's wide dominions there is not to be found any body of men more sincerely attached to Your Royal House and Person than those whom we have the honour to represent, and we can confidently state that scattered as our members are not only over every county in Ireland, but also through the many Colonies of Your great Empire, there is deeply enshrined in the heart of each the name of our well-beloved Queen.

We rejoice that during Your Majesty's long and prosperous Reign civil and religious liberty has advanced, trade and commerce have flourished, and the British Nation has maintained amongst the kingdoms of the earth that position which it had reached in the days of Your Majesty's Illustrious Grandfather.

Our Fraternity too has flourished and its members have endeavoured to discharge their practical duties in such a manner as to meet with the approval of Your Majesty. The school for the orphan daughters of members of the Masonic order has grown and prospered, and instead of accommodating 15 girls as it did in 1837, there are now 100, who are trained to be good and useful subjects of Your Majesty.

A school has also been founded for the orphan sons of Masons, and now maintains and educates 80 boys. And in commemoration of the Fiftieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign in 1887, a fund was started for the providing of pensions for brethren or widows who from old age or infirmity are unable any longer to provide for themselves.

In conclusion, we earnestly pray that the Great God of the Universe from whom all good things do come may continue to pour down upon Your Majesty and Your Royal Family the dew of His