

Majesty's wise and righteous government, and in loving devotion to Your Majesty's Person.

All over Your Majesty's Empire the universal extension of the blessings of education, the discoveries of science, the inventions of art, the great development of commerce, the better understanding of the physical and moral laws under which the world is preserved, and, above all the spreading of the Gospel of the Lord's salvation have resulted in an immense improvement in the material, social, and religious condition of all classes of Your Majesty's subjects.

We are profoundly conscious that, under God, Who upholds and governs all things in heaven and earth, this prosperity in a large measure is to be attributed to Your Majesty's sincere devotion to the duties of a constitutional Sovereign, to the benignant influence of Your Majesty's good example in keeping His "royal law and lively oracles," and to the intense interest which Your Majesty has always manifested in the welfare of Your people.

With fervent gratitude we recall many indubitable proofs of Your Majesty's attachment to the Church of Scotland, and also the innumerable acts of considerate kindness by which Your Majesty has enabled the people of Scotland to know their Queen in the intimacy which is the strongest bond which could unite them to Your Throne.

We received with dutiful respect the Order in Council, exhorting that prayers and thanksgiving be offered up for Your Majesty on this occasion of holy rejoicing, and we have given instructions that this shall be done in all our churches and chapels on the 20th June, in perfect confidence that it will evoke the spontaneous feeling of the people in a united national thanksgiving.

We, who are convened in General Assembly, have already blessed Almighty God for the peace and prosperity enjoyed during Your Majesty's long and beneficent Reign, and for the grace which, through sorrow and through joy, has sustained Your Majesty since the day when, in the name of the King of Kings, the crown was set upon Your head, and we earnestly pray that, protected by His power and rejoicing in His favour, Your Majesty may continue long in health and peace, to be venerated and beloved in this world, and may finally, in the world to come, be crowned with glory and immortality.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful address and, for your warm congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of My reign.

"I unite with you in gratitude to Almighty God by whose good Providence so many blessings have been bestowed upon My country; and I bespeak your prayers for a continuance of His mercies.

"I gladly avail Myself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of My attachment to the Church of Scotland, of whose loyalty and devotion to My Throne and Person I have received so many proofs; and I pray that the blessing of God may attend your efforts to promote the advancement of true religion amongst the people committed to your charge."

*Balmoral Castle, October 7, 1897.*

THIS day the Right Honourable the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and a Deputation from the Town Council of Edinburgh waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address.

The Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, was in attendance:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, as representing the community of the ancient City of Edinburgh, and as Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, beg humbly to approach Your Majesty, and offer loyal and cordial congratulations on the occasion of the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign.

We recall with much satisfaction and thankfulness the fulfilment of those blessings which our predecessors in office looked forward to with confidence on the occasion of Your accession to the Throne; and, with all our fellow subjects, we at this time cherish and gratefully remember the spirit and manner in which Your Majesty has during these sixty years swayed the sceptre of Your Empire, promoted good government, and advanced the material prosperity and welfare of Your Majesty's subjects in every quarter of the globe.

We pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to reign over Your attached and devoted people.

We take this opportunity of renewing the expression of our loyalty to Your Majesty's Person, Throne, and Government.

Signed in name and by appointment of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, and the Seal of the City affixed hereto, at Edinburgh, the 22nd day of June, 1897.

*A. McDonald, Lord Provost.*

*Thos. Hunter, Town Clerk.*

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

"IT affords me great pleasure to receive in My Highland Home the representatives of the ancient City of Edinburgh, and I thank you for your cordial congratulations and the expressions of loyalty to My Person and Throne contained in your Address.

"I share your satisfaction in recalling the immense moral and material advancement which has signalized the Sixty Years of My Reign, and My loyal subjects in Edinburgh have My best wishes for their ever-increasing welfare and prosperity."

*Balmoral Castle, October 7, 1897.*

THIS day the Honourable Lord Stormonth Darling and a Deputation from the University of Edinburgh waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address. The Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland, was in attendance:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty:

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Rector, Principal Professors, and University Court of the University of Edinburgh, desire to renew on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your great and glorious Reign—an expression of the devotion with which we approached Your Majesty ten years ago. Most heartily do we rejoice that to Your Reign—which has been productive of blessings so manifold, which has brought safety and honour to Your Empire and welfare to Your peoples, under which learning and morals have alike advanced—the Almighty has vouchsafed a duration greater than that of any of Your predecessors on the Throne. Again we would record our grateful appreciation of the