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THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty having attained 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 Her Most Gracious Majesty VICTORIA,
QUEEN of Great Britain and Ireland,
Empress of India.

WE, the Members of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland, assembled in our Annual Meeting in 1897, humbly approach Your Majesty to offer our most heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign, and to assure You of our constant loyalty and devotion. Our Association consists of over five hundred Medical Practitioners, who are for the most part engaged in the study and treatment of mental diseases, and who are all most deeply interested in the welfare of the insane.

We would desire to express to Your Majesty our opinion, founded on the most intimate knowledge of the facts, that during Your Majesty's long and glorious Reign there have been few more striking events than the progress that has been made in the treatment of all classes of those suffering from mental disease.

When Your Majesty came to the Throne the insane—the most afflicted of Your Majesty's subjects—were generally neglected or ill-treated, and the nature of the disease from which they were suffering was misunderstood. Through the advances that have been made in the scientific knowledge of brain disturbances, and through the efforts of philanthropic men, the lot of the insane, who are unable to plead for themselves, has been mitigated beyond description. Our beloved Country now stands in the van of progress in this matter. Throughout its whole extent there are now splendid Institutions for the treatment of this most painful disease, the vast majority of which have been erected during Your Majesty's Reign, and in which the comfort and welfare and cure of the patients is considered the primary object. The way in which patients suffering thus are regarded has changed, and is changing, from repulsion and terror to sympathy and desire to afford relief.

From our study and experience we can assure

Your Majesty that the Nation is far more alive now than it was sixty years ago, to the supreme importance for its future welfare, of right knowledge being diffused in regard to the healthy development of the brain and mind.

We venture to express our hope and belief that such knowledge will result in widening and strengthening the foundations on which the mental soundness and stability of the Nation rest, and that through such knowledge still greater advantages will surely result.

We pray that the Almighty may long preserve Your Majesty in health and strength, and that we may for many years to come enjoy the blessings of Your beneficent rule.

In the name of the Medico-Psychological Association of Great Britain and Ireland.

Your Majestys's most humble and devoted servants,

W. Julius Mickle, President.

R. Percy Smith, Hon. Gen. Secy.

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the President and Council of the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Society, humbly desire to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our feelings of loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

On behalf of the members who represent the agriculturists of the County of Lancaster, and one of the oldest Agricultural Societies in the United Kingdom (founded in the year 1767), we humbly beg to offer You our heartfelt congratulations upon the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign. We also recall with feelings of pride and satisfaction that Your Majesty has been the Patron of the Society since the year 1847, and the present year is especially noteworthy as being the Jubilee Year of Your Majesty's patronage.

Although deeply deploring the serious depression in agriculture we gratefully recognize the personal interest which Your Majesty and Your Majesty's family have always evinced in the welfare of agriculture generally.

We fervently pray that it may please the Almighty to grant Your Majesty continued strength and blessings to enable Your Majesty to reign for many years to come over the British Empire.

Victor N. Cavendish, President.

Geo. C. Hale, Chairman of Council.

James Birch, Secretary.

Liverpool, August 30, 1897.