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THE following Addresses were presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on behalf of the Queen at a Court held at St. James' Palace on the 21st July 1897, when he handed to each Deputation a most gracious reply in the following terms:—

On behalf of the Queen, My dear Mother, I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address, and for the affectionate congratulations which you tender on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign.

It is a source of profound joy to the Queen to receive the expressions of devotion to Her Person and Family which are offered by Her subjects throughout the Empire. The Queen is gladdened by the thought that the Sixty Years of Her Reign have been years of progress in knowledge and of increase in prosperity, and She prays that, by the blessing of Almighty God, She may always live in the hearts of Her loving and beloved People.

Each Deputation was presented to His Royal Highness by the Lord Chamberlain. The Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.
MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

We, the Chancellor, Rector, Principals, Professors, Graduates, and Students of the University

of St. Andrews, as loyal subjects, beg respectfully to offer our heartfelt congratulations on the completion by Your Majesty of the sixtieth year of Your happy and prosperous reign.

This unprecedented event has awakened in the hearts of all Your subjects feelings of enthusiastic loyalty, and of gratitude to the Giver of all good, that He has so long spared to rule over us one who has wielded the sceptre in righteousness, and has done so much to maintain for our country its high place among the nations of the earth.

Of Your Majesty's private life we shall not presume to speak, further than to say that its noble example has not only strengthened the throne in the affections of the people, but has brought near Ruler and ruled in a community of sympathy, so that in the auspicious event of this day we all rejoice together.

As representing the oldest University in Scotland, we would especially refer to the advance made in every department of education during Your Majesty's reign. The increase of knowledge and the advancement of science have been accompanied by great improvements in the methods of diffusing these, and extending their blessings to all classes.

We pray that Your Majesty may be long spared to occupy the high place which You have for sixty years adorned, and that Your successors may be imbued with the same spirit in the discharge of its duties which have endeared Your Majesty to the people, and made You through service, as well as inheritance, their revered and beloved Sovereign.