

card with her name written thereon, and with the name of the Lady by whom she is to be presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation, that no presentation can be made at a Drawing Room excepting by a Lady actually attending that Court, it is also necessary that a letter from the Lady who is to make the presentation, stating it to be her intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to the Queen, for Her Majesty's approbation.

No presentation card for the Drawing Room can be received at the Lord Chamberlain's Office after twelve o'clock on Thursday, the 18th of June next.

It is particularly requested that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Princess.

It is not expected that Gentlemen will present themselves at the Drawing Room, excepting in attendance upon the Ladies of their families.

The state apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

SYDNEY,

Lord Chamberlain.

Whitehall, May 30, 1863.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland having been transmitted by Robert Montgomery, Lord Belhaven, K.T., Her Majesty's Commissioner, to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., G.C.B., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been by him presented to the Queen, which Address Her Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously:

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in General Assembly of the National Church, desire to acknowledge, with profound gratitude, your most gracious letter, in which you are pleased to express your undiminished interest in our continued welfare and prosperity.

It was, may it please your Majesty, in entire accordance with their feelings of loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and Government, that the Commission of last General Assembly embraced the earliest opportunity of sending an address to the Crown, on an event so interesting to your Majesty as a Queen and a mother, as the marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and seeing the same sentiments continue to animate this General Assembly, we feel it at once a privilege and a duty thus early to convey the expression of them to the foot of the Throne.

In our deliberations, as the Supreme Council of the Church, we derive great encouragement from the confidence which your Majesty is pleased to express, that these will be conducted with wisdom and prudence, and that they will be marked by an earnest desire to extend the usefulness of the Church, and to advance the highest interests of all its members.

We regard with unalloyed satisfaction your Majesty's appointment of the Right Honourable Lord Belhaven to represent your Royal person in this Assembly, not more from his known attachment and most munificent liberality to the church

of his fathers, than from his having discharged in many former assemblies the duties of his high office with approved fidelity to His Sovereign, and with the most anxious desire to consult and promote the convenience of all our ministers and elders.

Your Majesty's Royal Warrant for £2000, to promote the reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, demands our most grateful acknowledgement; and we believe we shall shew our gratitude in the manner most approved by your Majesty, by faithfully administering the fund, and striving, with God's blessing, and in accordance with your benevolent desire and prayer, that the poor may have the gospel preached to them.

That Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree justice, may long preserve your Majesty, in health and wealth, to rule over a free, loyal, and religious people, and that in Heaven he may bestow upon your Majesty an unfading crown of glory, is the earnest prayer of,

May it please your Majesty, your Majesty's most loyal and most obedient subjects, the Ministers and Elders of this General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by

James Craik, Moderator.

At Edinburgh, the 23rd day of May, 1863 years.

Whitehall, June 1, 1863.

THE following Addresses of Congratulation to the Queen, on the Marriage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir George Grey, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for Presentation, have accordingly been presented by him to Her Majesty, who has been pleased to receive the same very graciously:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty QUEEN
VICTORIA.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders representing the Church of Scotland in her General Assembly, embrace this, our earliest opportunity, of joining in the universal expression of national delight which lately hailed the nuptials of the Prince of Wales.

We rejoice that His Royal Highness, in forming a union of affection, has chosen as his consort an illustrious Princess, who promises to be a blessing not only to himself, but to all who may come within the sphere of her influence; nor has His Royal Highness's auspicious marriage excited our patriotism less than it has gratified our loyalty, holding out, as it does, to all the wide spread populations under your sway, and to their children after them, the prospect of a continuation of that onward march of civilization and religion, which has characterized your Majesty's reign beyond that of any former Sovereign.

These sentiments and aspirations, however, give place to others more strictly personal to your Majesty; for in common with all classes of your Majesty's subjects, we cherish as an over-ruling thought connected with the recent happy event a grateful sense of that mercy of Divine Providence which, through your first-born son's marriage with the Princess Alexandra, has already done so