

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 His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

LATHOM,
Lord Chamberlain.

Buckingham Palace, May 9, 1887.

THIS day the Right Honourable Sir Reginald Hanson, Lord Mayor of London, Aldermen Sir Robert Carden, Lawrence, Sir Thomas Gabriel, Cotton, Sir Francis Truscott, Sir W. McArthur, K.C.M.G., Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, M.P., Sir John Staples, K.C.M.G., De Keyser, Whitehead, Savery, Gray, Evans, Cowan, Knill, and Tyler, the Recorder, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, the Town Clerk, the Common Serjeant, the City Remembrancer, and about 170 Members of the Common Council waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address:—

Viscount Cross, G.C.B., in the absence of the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in Common Council assembled, respectively approach Your Majesty with the sincerest sentiments of loyalty and attachment.

We hail with rejoicing the forthcoming completion of the Fiftieth year of Your Majesty's beneficent and enlightened reign, and we gratefully remember and humbly acknowledge the countless national advantages which, under Divine Providence, have during the past half century been vouchsafed to our beloved country.

"We look forward with renewed hope and confidence to the still further development of the arts and influences of peace and civilization, fostered and encouraged as they have ever been by the wisdom and virtues of which Your Majesty is so bright an example.

"We humbly pray that the Giver of all Good may continue to Your Majesty, to Your Royal Family, and to the vast Empire beneath Your sway, those blessings which have hitherto been so mercifully and so abundantly bestowed."

Signed by the Order of the Court,

John B. Monckton, Town Clerk.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following Most Gracious Answer:—

"I THANK you sincerely for your renewed assurances of loyalty and attachment to My Throne and Person.

"It gives Me great satisfaction in looking back on the past history of My Reign, to recall how much its prosperity is owing, under God, to the sound sense and good feeling of My subjects, and to the sympathy which has united the Throne and the People.

"I trust that by the Divine Blessing this cordial sympathy may continue unbroken, and that I shall always find, as heretofore, your ancient and illustrious Corporation, in common with all My other faithful subjects, zealous in every public and private effort to promote the happiness and welfare of the Realm."

Buckingham Palace, May 9, 1887.

THIS day, the Right Honourable Sir Reginald Hanson, Lord Mayor of London, Mr. J. Aildin Moore, Dr. Edwin Freshfield, and others, Her Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, waited upon Her Majesty with the following Address.

Viscount Cross, G.C.B., in the absence of the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, and other Your Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our earnest congratulations on the completion of the Jubilee of Your Majesty's Reign.

The contemplation of so prolonged a period of wise and beneficent government over a happy and united people cannot but evoke in the hearts of Your Majesty's subjects a grateful recognition of the blessings which Providence has showered upon Your Majesty's realm since Your Majesty's Accession, and a sense of devout thanksgiving for the benignant care and protection which has ever been accorded to Your Majesty's Gracious Person.

Born in England, and educated in fond attachment to British institutions and interests, Your Majesty has, throughout Your illustrious reign, proved unwearied in the maintenance of the religious privileges and civil rights of all classes of Your subjects, and has ever had at heart, even when most tried by severe domestic affliction, the welfare of the varied sections of the community over which Your Majesty was called to rule.

Blessed with a continuance of national prosperity, and living amid all the privileges, liberties, and securities attendant upon a wise and judicious constitution, Your Majesty's subjects have so diligently and resolutely applied their genius, enterprise, and energy that this anniversary of Your accession to the Throne finds Your Majesty reigning, not only over an Empire of unparalleled magnitude, extent, and influence, but over a loyal and devoted people of many races and creeds, scattered over a large portion of the habitable globe, yet firmly united in loyalty and affection for Your Majesty's Person, Throne, and Family. This material development and prosperity of the British possessions, and this advance in all the arts and sciences of civilization, will ever render memorable the reign of Your Gracious Majesty.

In tendering their earnest felicitations at this auspicious period of Your Majesty's reign, it is also the devout wish and fervent prayer of Your Majesty's Lieutenants for the City of London, that Providence may long continue to this Empire the blessings which they, in common with their fellow subjects, derive under Your Majesty's beneficent sway, and that Your Majesty may always possess the hearts of Your devoted people.

By order,

H. Grose Smith, Clerk.

To which Her Majesty was pleased to return the following Most Gracious Answer:—

"I RECEIVE with pleasure your renewed assurances of loyalty and devotion to My Person and Government.

"It is a source of great satisfaction to Me to