

Majesty The Queen, opened the Royal Jubilee Exhibition on the 16th instant at Liverpool :—

To Her Royal Highness the PRINCESS LOUISE, MARCHIONESS OF LORNE.

*May it please Your Royal Highness,*

WE, the Executive Council appointed to arrange and prepare this Royal Jubilee Exhibition, desire to express our sincere and respectful thanks for the gracious favour of Your Royal Highness's presence on this occasion, for the purpose of performing, by Her Most Gracious Majesty's command, and on Her behalf, the inaugural ceremony of to-day.

That Your Royal Highness, accompanied by Your noble husband, should, in Her Majesty's name, preside over that ceremony, is a fitting and worthy sequence to the memorable occasion on which twelve months ago Her Majesty, by Her personal presence, bestowed upon this place so signal a manifestation of Her Royal favour.

It was considered that to reopen this magnificent series of Buildings, for the purpose of holding in them another Exhibition, during this memorable year of National Jubilee, would be most desirable for many reasons, especially as affording to the people of Liverpool and of this part of Her Majesty's Duchy of Lancaster a suitable place for the public celebrations befitting the occasion, which otherwise would have been wanting.

The Exhibition now to be opened, though in some respects to be regarded as a continuation of that held last year, has for its special object the adequate representation of the triumphs of War and the yet grander victories of Peace, which, under Her Majesty's illustrious guidance, have rendered the half century, whose close the whole Empire is about to commemorate, the most glorious in the annals of our country.

Although the story of those wondrous years will find fitting illustration in the trophies of valour, the products of science, and the masterpieces of art, collected within these walls, in none will the strength of the Empire be more fitly or more truly exemplified than in the exhibits gathered together from those far-reaching Colonies, with which Your Royal Highness, more than any other member of the family of Her Majesty, has with your noble husband been especially identified.

To Her Majesty we have to express our gratitude for Her continued consideration in many ways; for the distinction given to our undertaking by Her illustrious patronage, and by the permission to Your Royal Highness to represent Her on this occasion, and also for the most interesting relics of the military campaigns of Her reign which she has been graciously pleased to contribute.

It is then with feelings of the deepest reverence for Her Majesty, of devoted loyalty to Her Empire, and of profound respect for Your Royal Highness, that we offer to yourself and to the Most Noble the Marquis of Lorne a sincere and heartfelt welcome here to-day, and we would ask that it may now please Your Royal Highness to declare, in Her Majesty's name, that this Exhibition is henceforth open to the public.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Council,

*David Radcliffe, Chairman.*

May 16th, 1887.

To which Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise, on behalf of Her Majesty, gave the following Most Gracious Answer :—

*Sir David Radcliffe, and Gentlemen of the Executive Council,*

"I HAVE received on several occasions proofs of kindness from the people of Liverpool, and it was with pleasure that I learned from the Queen, my dear mother, Her desire that I should open this Exhibition on Her behalf.

"Her Majesty has desired me to say that She will never forget the cordial welcome which She received when She visited your city last year, and when the whole population of Liverpool and of the Duchy of Lancaster was so largely represented to meet Her.

"Her Majesty has watched with interest and admiration their conduct in times of distress, and has rejoiced at the ever-growing prosperity of this part of Her dominions,—a prosperity due to the energy of the Lancashire men and women.

"This Exhibition commemorates the completion of Fifty years of Her Majesty's Reign, and it seems well that such an occasion should be marked by the ampler continuation of the great Industrial Exhibition of last year, in which you show the advance and the progress of peaceful arts as well as those necessary for the science of war.

"I know that at this great Port it is not only at the greatness attained within these islands that you look, but also with the warmest feelings of brotherhood towards the immense development of our Empire beyond the seas. Our Colonies, we know, are one with us, and they now have expressed their desire to have one Fleet.

"I thank you, as being in some measure able to speak in their name, for the kind words in which you have referred to them in your Address.

"May their prosperity ever increase with that of the mother country, and may this Exhibition be a landmark in your prosperous history, and be used, through God's blessing, for the benefit of the people of Our beloved Queen's Empire."

Whitehall, May 20, 1887.

THE following further Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation on the occasion of Her Majesty attaining the Fiftieth Year of Her Reign, which have been transmitted to the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, 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 the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Magistrates of the county of Leicester in General Quarter Sessions assembled, desire, on the auspicious occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Your Majesty's accession, to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our devoted loyalty and grateful attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

During that lengthened period, the external development of Your Empire has been great and striking, and Your Majesty reigns over territories and populations more widespread and numerous than any of Your predecessors; but the internal development of the arts of peace, and of all that contributes to the welfare and happiness of Your people, has been yet more marked, and we gratefully recognize the part which Your Majesty and the lamented Prince Consort have taken in that development.

We desire further to recognize gratefully the sympathy Your Majesty has ever shown for and with your people in their joys and sorrows, and