

associated with the Loyal Inhabitants of the Metropolitan County, approach Your Majesty with the most earnest assurance of our devoted loyalty to Your Person and to Your Throne.

We tender to Your Majesty our respectful congratulations on Your attainment of this the fiftieth year of a Reign rendered memorable not only by the extension of Your mighty Empire and its advancement in material prosperity, but also by unexampled progress in the arts and sciences and by the diffusion of the blessings of education.

In Your Majesty Your subjects recognise a Sovereign dear to them as possessing every womanly virtue, whose name will be handed down to future ages as that of a Queen whose loyalty to the Constitution secured for Her a loyal and devoted Empire.

That God will prolong Your Majesty's Reign through many years yet to come, and bless you with the sight which you will best love to see—the sight of a happy and united people—is our earnest prayer.

In addition to celebrating this auspicious occasion in a fitting manner, we are raising lasting memorials for the purpose of commemorating it and of handing down to future generations the memory of the happy event.

Signed on behalf of the Loyal Citizens of Dublin—

*Henry Cochrane*, Alderman, Chairman of Committee.

*James Dobson*, Q.C., Vice-Chairman.

*Dodgson H. Madden*, Q.C. }

*William Kenny*, Q.C. }

*Alex. S. Devine*, J.P. }

*Joseph M. Day*, LL.D. }

Hon. Secretaries.

Signed on behalf of the Loyal Inhabitants of the Metropolitan County—

*Henry Alex. Hamilton*, High Sheriff, County of Dublin.

To which Address Her Majesty was pleased to return the following most gracious Answer:—

“ I THANK you sincerely for your loyal and dutiful Address on the completion of the fiftieth year of My Reign.

“ I rejoice to receive evidence from all parts of My Empire of the affectionate attachment of My subjects to My Throne and Person.

“ The welfare of Ireland is very dear to My heart and I trust that My subjects in that part of the United Kingdom may willingly come forward and claim their share in the common prosperity which it may please God to bestow on the British Empire.”

*Whitehall, July 6, 1887.*

THE following Addresses were presented to The Queen at a Court held at Windsor, on Monday, 27th June, 1887, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously. The Deputations presenting the Addresses were severally presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, Secretary of State for the Home Department:—

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Liverpool in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty with the expression of our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Throne. and with our heartfelt congratulations upon the

auspicious occasion of Your Majesty's Royal Jubilee.

Your Majesty's Reign commenced in the early morning of your life, and covers a period that will be ever memorable not only for its duration, but also for the unexampled manner in which the limits of the Empire have been extended and the best interests of the people promoted and secured.

In this grand chapter of our National history we recognize the fostering hand of Your Majesty; and we gratefully acknowledge the blessings which have resulted to these realms from the pure and bright example displayed upon the Throne.

We fervently pray that the evening of Your Majesty's Reign may be unclouded and full of happiness, and that Your Majesty may long be spared to join your faithful people in looking back with joy upon the Jubilee now being commemorated in every part of the vast and prosperous Empire over which Your Majesty's sceptre so beneficently extends.

Given under the Corporate Common Seal of the City of Liverpool, the 21st day of June, in the Year of our Lord 1887.

[Presented by the Mayor (Mr. James Poole) and Mr. Alderman Livingstone, ex-Mayor].

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow, desire to offer Your Majesty our humble and heartfelt congratulations on the near approach to the completion of fifty years of Your Majesty's beneficent Reign.

That Reign is memorable by reason of its exceptional duration. Previous to the reign of King James VI of Scotland and I of England, no one of the Scottish Sovereigns, and only two of the English Kings, occupied the Throne for so long a time. As a Scottish Sovereign, King James VI reigned for fifty-eight years; and as Sovereign of Great Britain, King George III reigned for sixty years. Only one Scottish Monarch and three English Sovereigns have thus each filled the Throne for half a century. Your Majesty is the first Queen, either of Scotland or of England, who has reigned so long.

Nor have reigns of similar duration been less exceptional in the other countries of Europe during the last ten centuries.

But the importance of Your Majesty's Reign is to be estimated not only by its duration, but by the momentous and beneficial changes which have taken place within it. During these fifty years the limits of the British Empire have been immensely extended in all parts of the world, and Your Majesty's benign sway has been hailed by the different races which own the supremacy of the British Crown. Art and science, manufactures and commerce, have flourished as they never did before. Human rights have received wider and juster recognition. Better laws have been enacted, and have been righteously administered. The standard of human action in every department of life has been elevated. The blessings of diffused education have been widely extended, and there has been growing up between all ranks and classes of society a recognition of mutual rights and obligations which cannot fail to give to the whole framework of society a coherence and solidity which is full of promise for the future.

In all this change and progress Your Majesty has taken a deep and sympathetic interest. For the elevation of the people your illustrious Con-