

sort worked with a prescient devotion which has become better understood and more earnestly appreciated as his aims and life-work became more widely known. In that work, so inaugurated, and so devotedly carried on by Your Majesty, we gratefully recognize the support which Your Majesty has received from all the members of your family.

Thus it is, that after a reign of fifty years, in which your people have rejoiced in your joys and shared in your sorrows, and sympathized in every event which has affected Your Majesty and your family, the feelings of love and loyalty and devotion which they entertain seem ever to broaden and deepen. In these feelings—nowhere more deeply cherished than in the city which we represent—we desire to offer the expression of our warmest and most loyal sympathy.

Given in name and on behalf of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Glasgow, and the seal of the City affixed hereto, this 16th day of May, 1887 years.

*James King*, Lord Provost.

*J. D. Marwick*, Town Clerk.

[Presented by the Lord Provost, Baillie Richmond, Baillie Gray, and the Town Clerk (J. D. Marwick, LL.D.)]

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, desire to offer to Your Majesty our most sincere congratulations on the completion of the fiftieth year of your prosperous and happy Reign.

When we consider the beneficent changes which have taken place during this prolonged period, in the moral and material condition of the inhabitants of the United Kingdom, the vast expansion of Your Majesty's Colonial possessions, and the extent of the Empire over which you now rule, we are deeply impressed with the numerous privileges and blessings which, by the favour of Divine Providence, we and all Your Majesty's subjects have been permitted to enjoy.

We believe that among other important measures to which Your Majesty's sanction has been given, those which have exempted the food of the people from taxation, and have provided for the better education of the people, and the extension to them of a larger share in the national councils, have appreciably augmented their loyalty to the Throne, and their reverence for the laws and constitution of the Realm.

We rejoice that the efforts for the intellectual and moral advancement of the people which were suggested by the wisdom, and stimulated by the example of His Royal Highness the late lamented Prince Consort, have been eminently successful, and are now enjoying the fostering care and guidance of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The citizens of Manchester have recently had the high gratification of receiving His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the occasion of the opening of the Exhibition which has been instituted to commemorate the Jubilee of Your Majesty's Reign. We venture to regard Your Majesty's gracious and special sanction of this gratifying event as an earnest of Your Majesty's interest in this city and the great undertaking just inaugurated, and to found thereon a hope that, before it is closed Your Majesty may confer upon the city of Manchester, and the

populous district which surrounds it, the honour and distinction of Your Majesty's personal presence and approval.

In conclusion, we beg to repeat the assurance of our devotion and loyalty to Your Majesty's person and Throne, and pray that health and happiness may long be vouchsafed to Your Majesty and to all the members of the Royal Family.

Given under our Common Seal this 20th day of June, 1887.

*J. J. Harwood*, Mayor.

*W. H. Talbot*, Deputy Town Clerk.

L. S.

[Presented by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Harwood) and Mr. Councillor Windsor].

To Her Most Gracious Majesty The QUEEN.

*May it please your Majesty,*

WE, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Birmingham in Council assembled, humbly offer to Your Majesty our loyal and hearty congratulations on the memorable occasion of the completion of the fiftieth year of Your illustrious Reign.

The recent gracious visit of Your Majesty to Birmingham has been the cause of great rejoicing on the part of all its inhabitants, and has served to mark this important year with peculiar distinctness in our town and neighbourhood.

We pray that Your Majesty may be spared for many years to rule over a contented and united people, and we feel convinced that among the many memories of Your eventful Reign, none will be more gratifying to Your Majesty in the years to come than the recollection of the universal outburst of loyalty and affection which has been evoked in this year of Jubilee from every portion of Your vast Empire.

Given under our Common Seal this 7th day of June, 1887.

*Thos. Mackinnon*,

Mayor.

*E. O. Smith*,

Town Clerk.

L. S.

[Presented by the Mayor (Sir Thomas Mackinnon) and the Town Clerk (Mr. E. O. Smith)].

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds, assembled in the Victoria Hall, which was opened by Your Majesty and Your late Illustrious Consort, Prince Albert, in 1858, desire to offer our respectful and heartfelt felicitations upon the completion of the fiftieth year of Your Majesty's beneficent Reign.

The half-century during which Your Majesty has wielded the sceptre of these realms has witnessed an enormous development of the wealth, the industry, and the public spirit of the inhabitants of Your vast dominions, while the material and intellectual advancement of the masses of the people has progressed in a manner which scarcely could have been anticipated fifty years ago.

We cannot, on such an occasion as this, forget how much the prosperity and well-being of this country are due to the wisdom and good judgment which have been displayed by the Throne during Your Majesty's long and tranquil Sovereignty.

We would especially recognize the high example which Your Majesty has ever set to all your