

The toilers, who have fashioned them, crowd around Your Majesty to-day, but not in curiosity or vain pride. Their shout is the inspiration of affection, for Your August Person as well as of loyalty to Your Throne. For while we glory in the undimmed lustre of Your Reign, we remember how heavy has been the cross of sorrow laid upon You, and how that sorrow has been graciously reflected in a deep and tender sympathy with the griefs of Your people. We devoutly thank Almighty God for His priceless gift to this Kingdom of such a Queen, wife and mother, and for His abounding mercy in sparing Her to us so long.

We pray that Your reign may be prolonged for yet many years, still hallowed by a Monarch's chiefest glory, Her people's love. May the Divine Blessing be Yours, "Thou settest a crown of fine gold on her head, She asked life of Thee: Thou gavest it her, even length of days, for ever and ever."

Given under the Corporation Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Sheffield, this 21st day of May, 1897.

Norfolk, Mayor.

Herbert Bramley, Town Clerk.

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

"I HAVE great pleasure in receiving your loyal and dutiful Address, and in being able to open this spacious and beautiful Town Hall which is a worthy monument of the vast growth and importance of your City.

"I am glad to associate Myself with an event of such moment to Sheffield as the dedication of this fine building to municipal uses, and I trust that the progress of the prosperity of the City and the welfare of its inhabitants may be great and uninterrupted.

"I share fully in your appreciation of the manifold blessings of peace and prosperity which have during the last sixty years been vouchsafed to My Throne and Family and to all classes of My subjects; and I am deeply touched by the numerous manifestations which reach Me of the wish to associate these blessings with My Reign.

"With profound reverence and thankfulness I join in your praise and gratitude to the Almighty who has sustained and blessed this Kingdom and Empire during the long period for which the responsibilities of Sovereignty have lain upon Me."

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.
The Loyal and Most Dutiful Address of the Sheffield Town Trustees.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Town Collector and his Assistants, the Free Tenants of Sheffield, commonly called "The Sheffield Town Trustees," the most ancient Public Body in the City of Sheffield, crave leave most loyally to offer to Your Majesty a cordial welcome on Your Visit to our City.

Sheffield has been favoured by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and by other Members of the Royal Family, and we now hail with delight the great honour which Your Majesty has conferred upon Sheffield, in this the Sixtieth Year of Your illustrious Reign, a Reign the longest in the history of this Country, and one wherein science, literature, and art, commerce, and the means of intercommunication at home and abroad, have made gigantic strides, and in which also the extension of Your Majesty's vast and ever-increasing Empire has been fraught with so much

happiness and prosperity to the millions of Your Majesty's subjects.

We humbly beg to offer an assurance of our loyalty to Your Majesty and to the Throne, and we fervently pray that the blessing of the Almighty may rest upon Your Majesty and that You may long be spared to continue a Reign which has conducted in such an eminent degree to the moral and social advancement of Your people.

Given at and by order of a meeting of the Sheffield Town Trustees held at the Court House, Sheffield, on the 11th day of May, 1897.

Fredk. T. Mappin, Town Collector.

C. E. Vickers, Law Clerk.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal Address and welcome to this great City where I see so much is due to the public spirit and combined action of all classes of the citizens of whose early self-government, gradually developed with such advantageous results, you are the witnesses and representatives."

To the QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, in the county of York, incorporated, by Act of Parliament in the 21st year of King James the First, and ever faithful to the Constitution, and loyal in its attachment and devotion to Your Majesty, rejoice in the opportunity which is afforded to us to-day of uniting with our Fellow Citizens in according to Your Majesty a hearty welcome to the City of Sheffield.

We esteem very highly the honour which Your Majesty has conferred upon us on fulfilling in this the year of the Diamond Jubilee of Your Majesty's accession to the Throne, the gracious intention expressed a year ago of visiting our City to open our new Town Hall.

We feel that in this visit we have a token that Your Majesty approves of our Civic and Municipal Institutions, and continues to take an active interest in all that concerns the Wealth, Peace, and Godliness of Your Majesty's subjects in this Kingdom and throughout the Empire.

We are very conscious of the many and great benefits secured to this country and its dependencies throughout Your Majesty's long and glorious reign, and we trust that Your Majesty will feel that this Company and those engaged in the various manufactures coming under its jurisdiction have not been unmindful of the many opportunities afforded by Your Majesty's wise rule, but that by the united enterprise and efforts of employers and employed they have endeavoured, and not without success, to take part in contributing to the defence of Your Majesty's Empire.

That Your Majesty's reign may still be extended through years to come, and that by the blessing of Almighty God You may long rule in peace and prosperity over a united and contented people is our sincere and earnest prayer.

By Order of the Master,

Wardens, Searchers,
and Assistants of the
Company of Cutlers in
Hallamshire in their
Common Hall in Shef-
field assembled this
13th day of April,
1897.

*Alex. Wilson,
Master Cutler.*

L. S.

*Charles Macro Wilson,
Law Clerk to the Cutlers' Company.*