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**T**HE following Addresses and Resolutions of Congratulation to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty attaining the Sixtieth Year of Her Reign, having been transmitted to the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., 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.

The humble Address of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Cardiff in Council assembled.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, desire to offer to Your Majesty, with feelings of the greatest joy and the most profound respect, our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the completion, by Your Majesty, of a Reign of Sixty Years, an event unique and unparalleled in the annals of our Country.

No other period of English history can compare in glory with what we proudly term the "Victorian" era, nor has any age been so fruitful in the arts of peace, in great scientific discoveries, and in all the best elements of moral, material, and intellectual progress.

Your Majesty's reign has witnessed the removal of the tax upon knowledge and the complete emancipation of the public press ; it has seen the cheapening of the people's food, the inauguration of a system of national education ; the sanitation of our towns, the development of a vast network of railways all over the land, the introduction of penny postage, the employment of the electric telegraph, and the laying of the submarine cable, and almost every year has added to the volume and wealth of England's trade, and extended the frontiers of the British Empire.

Every form of philanthropic work has flourished under the gracious auspices of Your Majesty ; and by the beauty and purity of Your Life, Your Majesty has deepened and strengthened the foundations of the Monarchy of the British Empire, which has its roots in the love and devotion of a free people.

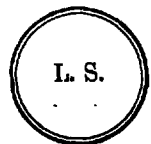
The County Borough of Cardiff is the largest town in the Principality of Wales : it was a small town 60 years ago, but has now a population of more than 170,000, and in respect of tonnage is

the First Port in the World ; Cardiff therefore proudly terms itself a "Victorian" Town, and its inhabitants realize the grand achievements of Your Majesty's long and glorious Reign.

May Your Majesty live for many years in the enjoyment of health, and of the choicest gifts and blessings that Providence can bestow, and thus continue Your Majesty's beneficent reign over a free and united people. These are the outpourings of ardent, affectionate, loyal, and dutiful subjects to Your Majesty's Throne, who are eager to testify their attachment to a Constitutional Sovereign in the person of their beloved Queen.

The Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Cardiff was hereunto affixed this 29th day of March, 1897, in the presence of

E. Bevan, Mayor.  
J. E. Wheatley, Town Clerk.



To Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN.

The humble Address of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London.

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, the Chairman, Vice - Chairman, and Members of the Vestry of the Parish of Rotherhithe, in the Administrative County of London, representing the Inhabitants of the said Parish, venture humbly to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our loyal and hearty congratulations upon the attainment of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign, a Reign more prolonged than that of any previous British Sovereign.

We feel deeply sensible of the wise and beneficent manner in which Your Majesty has always presided over the affairs of Your Empire, and the general prosperity enjoyed by all classes of Your Majesty's subjects since Your Majesty's accession to the Throne.

We earnestly pray that Your Majesty may long be spared to rule over Your loyal subjects, and that Almighty God may still vouchsafe a continuance of those Heavenly Blessings which have so long and abundantly been granted to Your Majesty.

In token whereof the Common Seal of the