

owing largely to the advance which wise and prudent legislation has fostered in the matter of municipal government that the London of to-day compares so favourably in health and safety, in comfort and beauty, in individual welfare and social opportunity, with the condition of the Metropolis when Your Majesty ascended the Throne.

We believe we are expressing the feelings of the millions of London citizens when we say that in our rejoicings in this ever memorable year in the history of our country we gratefully recall the many occasions on which Your Majesty's active interest and ever-ready sympathy with the joys and sorrows of Your subjects have been graciously manifested, and we earnestly pray that Your unexampled and illustrious Reign may continue for many years to come.

*W. J. Collins, Chairman of the Council.*

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address, and I avail myself of this occasion to publicly state how deeply I have been moved by the many touching tributes of affection tendered to Me by the inhabitants of London on the commemoration of the long duration of My Reign.

"It is with just satisfaction that you point out how favourably the London of to-day compares as regards health, safety, and beauty with the London of sixty years ago as well as in respect of the individual welfare of its inhabitants. The remarkable progress already made in this direction since My Accession, and the increased interest now taken by the public in municipal affairs, inspire Me with the confident hope that you will ever strive to further enhance the welfare of the vast population of the Metropolis, and that in the execution of your important duties you will do all that lies in your power to keep London worthy of its place as the Capital of the Empire."

*Windsor Castle, July 10, 1897.*

THIS day the Most Noble the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and a Deputation from that University waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty:—

The Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., Secretary of State for the Home Department, was in attendance.

A loyal and dutiful Address to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty on the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Accession.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

WE, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Oxford, desire to take our loyal and loving part in the expression of national joy on the happy occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Your Majesty's Accession. To our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings which Your beneficent sway has secured for Your vast Empire, we would add our special thanksgiving to-day that Your Reign has been mercifully extended over so many years. Happy, indeed, is our Nation which can proudly boast that the longest reign vouchsafed to an English Sovereign has also been the best! The sixty years which have elapsed since England welcomed its young Queen to the Throne have comprised a most eventful era in our annals. The vast development and the consolidation of the British Empire and its dependencies, the rapid growth of scientific

discovery, the improvement of the mechanical arts, the humanizing effects of new means of inter-communication between distant lands, and the unprecedented extension of commercial enterprise, have marvellously changed the world which our grandsires knew; while the march of education, the expansion of civil and religious liberty, and the widening of political responsibility, have given new tone and colour to English character. The historian of Your Majesty's Reign may have to record that this progress has not been secured without many grave anxieties and struggles at home and abroad, but he will gratefully acknowledge that Your Reign has been marked by many happy years of peace, and it will be his proud task to show how consistently and powerfully Your Royal Influence has been directed to this end, and how largely our national prosperity has been due, under the favour of Heaven, to the singleness of purpose and calm resolution with which You have guided Your people's destinies.

Among all Your Majesty's subjects there are none who regard Your Throne and Person with more love and devotion than the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of this loyal and ancient University, which Your Majesty has graciously permitted to be bound by close and endearing ties to Your Royal House.

But, Madam, we shall leave our deepest feelings unexpressed unless we are suffered to bear our humble testimony to the high example of those personal virtues which have taught us to look to You, not only as Queen of Your great Realm, but as the Friend and Mother of Your people. Your Majesty's munificent works of charity, Your unflinching sympathy with distress, and Your condescension in sharing Your own joys and sorrows with Your loving subjects, have knit a lifelong bond between You and them—such as no other nation has ever known.

That the remaining years of Your Majesty's pure and beneficent reign may be crowned with the blessing of peace and prosperity is the earnest prayer of Your faithful and devoted subjects.

Given at our House of Convocation under our Common Seal, this twenty-ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1897.



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

"IT is a great pleasure to Me to receive in person your Loyal Address of Congratulation on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of My Reign.

"The immense progress which has been made in Education during the last half-century has not only been one of the greatest glories of My Reign, but has, I am convinced, been one of the chief means of effecting the material prosperity and social and political welfare which have been vouchsafed to My people.

"I am confident that your ancient University will never decline from the high standard of learning to which it has attained, and that under its wise discipline successive generations of youth will, for centuries to come, grow up as loyal, humane, and accomplished citizens."

*Windsor Castle, July 10, 1897.*

THIS day His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and a deputation from that University