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

To the QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

*May it please Your Majesty.*

WE, the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, ask Your gracious permission to approach You with the expression of our loyal and heartfelt congratulations on the completion of the Sixtieth Year of Your Majesty's Reign. It is among the manifold benefits which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, Your Majesty has conferred upon Your subjects, that their devotion to the Throne and Person of the Sovereign has become a bond of ever-increasing strength between all parts of Your Empire and all classes of Your people. Those sentiments of profound loyalty, gratitude, and affection which ten years ago were so signally manifested, are but stronger and deeper to-day, when a Reign, unique in our history for the extent and variety of its beneficence, has become unique also in respect of the term during which that beneficence has been enjoyed.

While in every department of the National life the Reign of Your Majesty has been a period of unexampled expansion and progress, nowhere, perhaps, has the advance been more remarkable than in the field of Education. More and more this great subject, in all its bearings, has attracted the thoughtful attention of the public, while its vital moment to the welfare of the Nation has been more and more clearly apprehended. In this salutary movement Your Majesty's ancient Universities have not failed to participate. Retaining unimpaired their distinctive traditions, they have come to embrace a larger portion of the community within the sphere of their activity; and without detriment to those older studies of which they have long been the guardians, they have welcomed and fostered each new development of Science. The Reign of Your Majesty will be recorded in their history, not only as a period of vigorous growth, but also as a time in which they enlarged the scope of their usefulness to the nation, and became yet more fully equipped for the efficient service of Church and State.

For us, in the University of Cambridge, such a retrospect is inseparable from the thought of those personal ties which have given our University a share alike in the joys and in the sorrows of Your Majesty and of Your Royal House. Especially do we cherish a grateful remembrance of the years during which Your Illustrious Consort, as Chancellor of the University, evinced so deep and constant an interest in all that made for its good. We rejoice to think that, in a place where the power of a noble example appeals with an ever-fresh force to the youth of successive generations, the traditions of our highest Academic office should be thus linked with the great qualities which adorned his life and now consecrate his memory.

We humbly pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon Your Majesty in the future, as it has been with You in the past; still sustaining You in all Your care for the people whose devoted love You have won; still guiding all Your counsels to the well-being of the greatest Empire which the world has seen; and so prospering Your reign, even to the end, that in all time to come it

shall be remembered as an age which advanced the happiness of the human race.

L. S.

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

"I THANK you for your loyal Address and for your warm expressions of attachment to My Throne and Person.

"It is with the greatest satisfaction and pride that I see how your great University, of which My beloved Consort was once Chancellor, has expanded to meet the ever widening necessities of the times, and is now imparting instruction in a liberal variety of studies to Students drawn from various classes of the Community, some of whom have hitherto been deprived of the great advantages of University Education.

"I trust that your excellent work may continue under the Divine Blessing to the increasing honour of the University and the benefit of My People."

*Windsor Castle, July 10, 1897.*

THIS day the Right Honourable Lord Herschell, G.C.B., Chancellor of the University of London, and a Deputation from that University waited upon Her Majesty to present the following Address, which was handed to Her Majesty :—

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*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

*May it please Your Majesty,*

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Fellows, and Graduates of the University of London, humbly beg leave to offer to Your Majesty our hearty congratulations upon the auspicious occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

Whilst, in common with all Your Majesty's faithful subjects, we are deeply sensible of the abundant blessings which have attended Your Majesty's Reign, the occasion is one of especial interest to this University, inasmuch as it was founded by a Royal Charter granted by Your Majesty in the first year of that reign. The work accomplished by this University has thus been entirely comprised within the period of Your Majesty's beneficent rule.

That Your Majesty may long be spared to reign over a contented and loyal people is the fervent prayer of Your Majesty's most dutiful subjects, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Fellows, and Graduates of the University of London.

Signed on behalf of the Fellows,

*Herschell, Chancellor.*

*Henry E. Roscoe, Vice-Chancellor.*

Signed on behalf of the Graduates,

*E. H. Bush, Chairman of Convocation.*

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

"I THANK you for your loyal and dutiful Address.

"I am much pleased at being able, in Person, to receive your expressions of attachment to My Throne and Person, and I heartily congratulate