JUBILEE ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

THE following address was offered to her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Majesty's Jubilee :---

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble Address of the Council and Fellows of the Royal Historical Society.

May it please your Majesty,-

The Royal Historical Society begs leave to offer to your Majesty its sincere congratulations on the occasion of your Majesty's Jubilee. To none of your Majesty's subjects can such an occasion appeal with more force and truth than to those who, like ourselves, are engaged in the study of the past.

For the fourth time in the annals of this country has a sovereign been permitted by Providence to wear the crown of this kingdom for more than half a century; but none of your Majesty's predecessors, whether their reign has been short or long, has surpassed your Majesty in the glory and good fortune which has attended it, or has secured more fully the affection and respect of willing and devoted subjects.

Your Majesty, wielding a sceptre hallowed by the prescription of more than a thousand years, has enriched the ancient monarchy of England by a new title, while no decade of your Majesty's reign has passed without seeing extensive and valuable provinces added to your Majesty's dominions.

It is our fervent prayer that a reign so notable in the history of the world may be long extended, and may continue happy and prosperous to its close.

> Aberdare, *President*. Oscar Browning, *Chairman of the Council*. P. Edward Dove, *Secretary*.

London : July 1887.

350 TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

To this address the following reply was received :---

Whitehall : August 10, 1887.

My Lord,—I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Council and Fellows of the Royal Historical Society on the occasion of the completion of the Fiftieth Year of her Majesty's Reign. And I have to inform your Lordship that her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously I have the honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient Servant, HENRY MATTHEWS.

The Lord Aberdare, Duffryn, Mountain Ash, South Wales.