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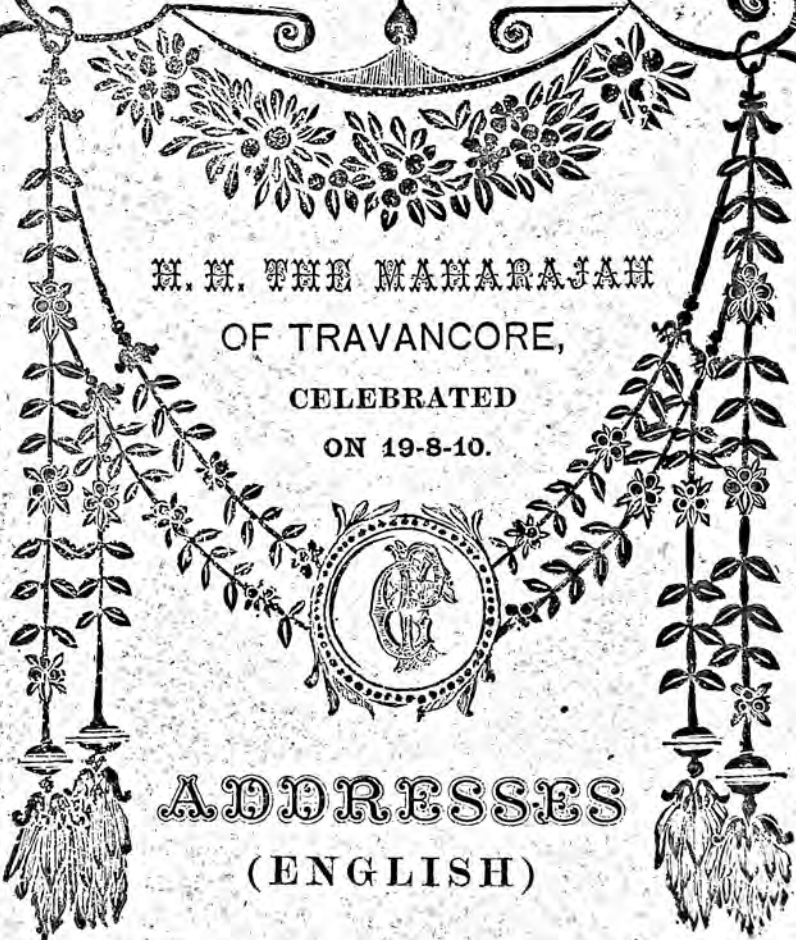
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THE VERY REVD. FR. DOMINIC, O. D. C.,
VICAR PROVINCIAL OF THE QUILON MISSION
AND SUPERIOR OF THE CONVENT, TYCAUD, TRIVANDRUM.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS

SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA,

SIR RAMA VARMA,

K. G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E., M. R. A. S., (LONDON)

MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

May it please Your Royal Highness, to accept our most hearty congratulations and wishes which I most humbly beg to offer to Your Royal Highness, in my name and in the name of the Belgian Convent Fathers of Carmel Hill, on this august occasion of Your Highness' Silver Jubilee of 25 years' reign on the Royal throne of Travancore. May God Almighty bless Your Royal Highness and spare Your Highness many years more for the good and the prosperity of Your Highness' country which, to the delight of us all and to the admiration of every one, is, from time immemorial and especially under Your Highness' most wise and kind administration, one of the happiest countries of the world.

All of us, Catholic Missionaries, arrive here as foreigners but we soon become so taken up by this beautiful and happy country, that we do not hesitate to call it our new fatherland of adoption; and in the innermost of our soul, we feel towards Travancore as towards our fatherland. That alone speaks much for the wise, the beneficent and most liberal administration of Your Royal Highness. We can but praise Almighty God for the same, and surely our prayers to that same God for Your Royal Highness on that auspicious day of Your Royal Highness' Jubilee will be most fervent.

As Belgian Missionaries, we have a double interest in the welfare and prosperity of Your Royal Highness and of Your Royal Highness' family and country: for we remember with a natural and legitimate pride, our glorious compatriot, General Eustache DeLanoy, a Belgian, who, in the

18th century, did good and loyal service for this country, and even till this day is kept in esteem and revered memory by all enlightened Travancoreans. We know how much Your Royal Highness appreciates the services of this great soldier, and how, by Your Highness' orders, the glorious tomb of this worthy man has been kept in honour and veneration. Your Highness will kindly excuse me for dwelling on this subject, so dear to our Belgian heart. This is a day of joy, happiness and glory for Travancore, under the wise administration of Your Royal Highness. With the memory of the noble Belgian soldier, General Eustache DeLanoy, in our mind, we feel doubly happy on this auspicious occasion, and I feel bold, as a Belgian Missionary, expressing the mind of all my compatriots in this mission, to utter our dear wish on this memorable day of Your Highness' Silver Jubilee: that is, that Your Royal Highness might grant to us, the Belgian Carmelite Fathers of Tycaud Convent, representing the Belgian Province of Flanders, out in this country, the permission to keep sacred and revered the memory of Travancore's great Belgian soldier, by allowing us to take over permanent charge of his tomb, together with the adjoining property, with the intention, if it pleases God Almighty, to erect there a fitting memorial to the Belgian Liberator of Travancore. I most humbly submit this request to Your Royal Highness, by preference on this august occasion, when Your Royal Highness must naturally feel most favourably inclined towards all what tends to the happiness and glory of Your Royal Highness' so glorious kingdom.

begging once more Your Royal Highness to accept our most sincere congratulations and wishes for Your Royal Highness' happiness and prosperity, and praying anew Almighty God to shower His choicest blessings over Your Royal Highness, Your Royal Highness' family and country and soliciting the favour of an audience on the day of the Jubilee, to show our loyalty to and express our hearty good wishes and regards for Your Royal Highness,

I most respectfully beg to remain, in the name of my Missionaries and our, etc.

Your Royal Highness' most devoted and loyal servant,
FR. DOMINIC OF JESUS MARY,
D. C. Vic. Provl.

Trivandrum }
18th August 1916. }

LODGE MINCHIN, No. 2710 E. C.
 FREE MASONS' HALL,
Trivandrum, 18th August 1910.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 SIR RAMA VARMA, K. G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
 MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

On behalf of the members of Lodge Minchin, Trivandrum, I beg leave to offer to Your Most Gracious Highness our respectful and loyal felicitations on the occasion of the completion of twenty-five years of Your Highness' beneficent reign—an era of uninterrupted advancement so illustrious in the annals of administrative achievement and so creditable to the high and noble traditions of Your Royal House.

The unstudied tokens of universal joy which come straight from the hearts of all the objects of Your Royal care bear eloquent testimony to the excellence of the regime they have the pride and privilege to live under, to the unatated warmth of their feelings of loyalty to the throne which forms the framework of to-day's demonstrations, and to the lustrum of progress and prosperity which Your Highness has conferred upon th m.

When we look on the glorious past and the immense possibilities of the future, we feel surely the extreme indebtedness we owe to Your Highness and the realization of the traditional conception of kingship summed up in the lines of the poet,

“When on his shoulders each man's burden lies
 For therein stands the office of the king.
 His Honour, Virtue, Merit and Chief praise
 That for the public all this weight he bears.”

To us, Freemasons, Your Highness is the visible emb-diment of the ideals of our ancient Craft-ideals which encompass the best interests of

humanity and make for its moral and social well-being and the present chorus of universal jubilation is but the triumphant celebration of the practical realization of those high ideals.

Scrivicere est regnare.

May the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the universe vouchsafe to Your Highness all health and strength long to rule over with ever increasing success and prosperity.

On behalf of Lodge Minchin, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Your Most Gracious Highness' most obedient
and dutiful servant,

K. P. SANKARA MENON,

Past Master,
Lodge Minchin,

No. 2710 E. C.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

The transports of joy which emanate from the bottom of the grateful heart and vivify the whole soul with a sacred enthusiasm at the thought of the Silver Jubilee of His Highness the Maha Rajah create at this moment an ever-increasing happiness with unusual raptures which overflow spontaneously, compelling each and every one of the loyal subjects throughout the length and breadth of Travancore to give utterance to the deep sentiments of pleasure felt even by a stranger in this foreign kingdom, and convey them to His Royal Majesty with all sincerity and respectful veneration. The stranger referred to is no other than the actual Vicar of Parittur-Puvar, a native of Mangalore (Canara), who in union with the prayers and good wishes of his parishioners and neighbouring Missionaries wishes to add one more jewel to the kingly crown already adorned by an address prepared by the Catholic Clergy and Laity and makes a special offer of the most profound and heartfelt

gratitude on this happiest occasion and besides honours the Mighty Maha Raja with the most joyful and festive sounds of church-bells on all sides and a solemn song of thanksgiving entoned in unison by the whole multitude present and followed by a devout procession with banners, music and fire-works which the untiring zeal and earnestness of the Catholic community of the Southern Missions of Travancore could afford to organise and celebrate with magnificent pomp and splendour. There is in a nut-shell what the gratefulness and tender piety of so many thousands has prompted them to do in order to load the Royal Throne with honours of the highest merit in return for every good they possess and every benefit they have hitherto enjoyed during this peaceful reign of His Majesty for the past 25 years, which it is a pleasant duty now to record and testify as being full of prosperity, happiness, generosity and every act of kind attention even to the most insignificant creatures of the whole kingdom of Travancore.

That Almighty God may shower most abundant blessings on this kingdom and enrich it by prolonging such a happy reign of the most worthy and beloved Sovereign for as many years more is the ardent desire of the stranger who humbly approaches His Majesty by these few lines, which though very poor in form yet are assuredly rich in delicate feelings of the most grateful sympathy. A neat and simple address though wanting in outward show was considered much better than absolute silence. No special or unusual favour is expected or requested in return except, if possible, the privilege of being admitted one day into Royal presence so as to be given a proximate opportunity of offering humble salutations and respectful greetings which, if manifested only from a distance, do not so well reveal the intense warmth of the loving heart. Meanwhile a mere remembrance in the shape of a gift, article or object (however insignificant) if bestowed by the Maha Raja himself would possess infinite merit and value becoming at once an object of sacred veneration to feed and nourish the grateful memory for a whole life-time. To cherish in future a mutual fond affection towards His Highness for such a kind condescension as can be lawfully desired and make it live not only in the hearts but also in the shape of a lasting monument, it is decided to undertake the erection of a "Maharajah's Jubilee School" in this territory for which purpose a word of approval in course of time will be considered equivalent to the necessary funds and is all what is eagerly desired from His Royal Highness

by the parishioners of the Southern Mission of Travancore headed by their aforesaid Vicar of Parittur,

Who begs to remain,
His Majesty's most obedient servant,
Fr. L. R. DESOUZA,
Parittur-Puvar P. O.

18th August 1910.

Three cheers to His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore:—

Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah! Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!
Hip, Hip, Hip, Hurrah!

No. 1559.

THE S. N. D. P. YOGAM OFFICE,
TRIVANDRUM, 18TH AUGUST 1910.

To,

M. R. RY., DEWAN BAHADUR,
P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI 'AVERGAL., M. A., B. L.,
DEWAN OF TRAVANCORE,
TRIVANDRUM.

SIR,

On behalf of the S. N. D. P. Yogam representing "the most numerous and industrious community" on this coast *viz.*, the Tiyas or Ezhavas of Travancore, Cochin and British Malabar, I beg respectfully to request you to be good enough to convey to His Most Gracious Highness the Maharaja their heartiest congratulations on this most happy occasion of the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of His Highness' benign reign.

The community has always been second to no other in their loyalty and devotion, and in their gratitude towards the Sovereign for the many acts of kindness which His Highness has done during the past 25 years of his peaceful and progressive Government, to advance the interests of the people in general.

They are specially grateful to His Highness for the sympathy which His Highness has been showing towards the community in particular by

affording them greater facilities and inducements for Education than in the past.

They feel particularly happy in taking part in the general celebration of this Jubilee; and as fitting mark of their loyalty, the Yogam has arranged to offer special *Poojas* and to feed the poor in all their temples and other religious institutions both in the State and outside.

May the Almighty grant our beloved Maharajah all health and strength and prolong his life so that all classes of people may enjoy his rule and be able to celebrate more Jubilees of his reign.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant

N. KUMARAN ASHAN,

General Secretary,

S. N. D. P. Yogam.

THE SILVER JUBILEE OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

This is indeed a great day for the loyal subjects of our Sovereign, the king of Travancore and it is one which gives us real pleasure too. So many great people, no doubt, express to Your Highness their happiness to see this happy completion of the 25 years of Your Highness' benign reign that we fear we are too insignificant to join ourselves to them. Still how can we help feeling that we have a claim upon Your Highness to allow us this privilege and hence we remain not quite silent and Your Highness may rest assured that no where are there more cordial rejoicings than here on an occasion of such great and general interest and such personal moment to Your Highness. We do not pretend to send Your Highness a grand address but heart-felt is our congratulation and most earnest our many prayers for Your Highness that God Almighty may yet prolong the precious life of our loved Monarch in health and strength for many years to come to add a lustre to the ancient Throne of His Royal Ancestry.

Whilst we thankfully acknowledge how much we owe Your Royal Highness, we raise our hearts and voices and repeat :

“ A gracious Monarch sways his liberal hand
To guard and help and save
Each subject great and small
Who turns to him for favour or for aid
On him may blessings richly fall
His bounteous care be richly paid.”

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your Highness' most loyal subjects,
The Inmates of St. Joseph's Convent and Orphanage.

Kottayam, August 1910.

VICARITE APOSTOLIC OF
ERNAKULAM, INDIA.

BISHOP'S HOUSE, ERNAKULAM,
15th August 1910.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

On this most auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' ascension to the Musnad, I, representing the 93,000 Catholic Syrians (Romo-Syrians) and 110 priests under my jurisdiction, the greater part of whom are in Your Highness' kingdom, most heartily wish Your Highness all prosperity and pray God Almighty to make you happy and to preserve Your Highness safe and sound for many more years to come so that Your Highness may have the happiness of also seeing Your Highness Golden and even Diamond Jubilee celebrated by one and all.

As a token of our unfeigned loyalty, heartfelt joy, and deep gratitude, I have issued orders to all the churches under my jurisdiction in Travancore, which count about 80, to ring joy-bells, fire petards etc., from the evening of the previous day to the evening of the 13th Inst., the day of the Glorious Jubilee. Moreover, I have ordered special services to be held in all the churches on the 19th to thank the most merciful God for all

the manifold blessings He has vouchsafed to grant through Your Highness' benign person, and to pray to bestow His special favours upon Your Highness and the kingdom so that all prosperity may reign everywhere in the State. I assure Your Highness that the Catholic Syrians (Romo-Syrians) will always be, as their religion teaches, the most loyal of Your Highness' subjects as they have also hitherto shown themselves.

Conveying Your Highness our deep-felt gratitude and sincere love,
I have the honour to remain,
Your Highness' obedient servant,
ALOYSIUS PAREPARAMBIL,
Bishop of Ernakulam.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE,
&c. &c. &c. &c.,
TRIVANDRUM.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the members of "The Vijnanodayam Samaj", Mootam, Hari-
pad, Your Royal Highness' loyal, devoted and dutiful subjects, most sub-
missively beg to approach Your Gracious feet with words of sincere love
and rejoicings on this very auspicious occasion of your Royal Highness'
"Silver Jubilee", and pray The All-Merciful, Ever-Gracious Mother to
vouchsafe Your Most Gracious Highness a long life, glorious reign, and
many, many, many grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Ever in devotion, and with most loyal and loving feelings,
We most humbly beg to subscribe,
Your Gracious Highness' subjects,
The members of "The Vijnanodayam Samaj"
Mootam, Hari-pad.

Mootam,
32-12-85.

KANAKU CHAMPAKARAMAN KRISHNAN,
President.

PERUMAL PADMANABHAN,
Secretary.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We, the Rector, the Headmaster, the Teachers and Pupils of the Saint Joseph's High School, Trivandrum, do most respectfully beg leave to approach Your Highness on this auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' prosperous reign and offer our most sincere felicitations on this thrice happy occasion.

Right glad are we to seize this opportunity to express to Your Highness our deep sense of gratitude for the great interest taken by Your Highness in the education of Your Highness' subjects and for all the favours Your Highness has been pleased to bestow upon our institution for the past quarter of a century of Your Highness' illustrious reign.

On this occasion we pray to God that He may be pleased to grant Your Highness a long life to rule over this enlightened State of Travancore and bless its people with all prosperity.

Once more offering our very sincere congratulations, with every mark of profound respect,

We beg to remain,
Your Highness' most loyal and devoted subjects,

FR. UBALDO,
Rector.

R. R. KULANDAISWAMY,
Headmaster.

On behalf of the teachers and pupils of
St. Joseph's High School, Trivandrum.

18th August 1910.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

During the six years my Sri Mulam Jubilee Dispensary, bearing the revered and illustrious name of Your Highness, has been in existence, it has been my proud privilege as one of Your loyal and devoted subjects to send Your Highness a respectful greeting every year on the auspicious occasion of Your Highness' birthday and to celebrate the day especially by making it a happy and festive occasion for Your Highness' lowly Pulaya subjects in my neighbourhood.

Now, by the special blessing of the Almighty, Your Highness' loyal and happy subjects throughout your territories are joining in fitly celebrating the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' beneficent and prosperous reign, and again is it my privilege to lay a tribute of loyalty, profound respect and unswerving attachment at Your Highness' feet. I know that Your Highness will be graciously pleased to hear that I am commemorating this blessed day in Komerom by holding a special regatta for our poor Pulayas, to be followed by the distribution of sweets among them and the presentation to each of them of a copy of Your Highness' likeness in State robes.

Hitherto, I have maintained my dispensary in an efficient condition and in a manner not altogether unworthy of the great name with which it is associated, but lately, a dark cloud has hovered round it, and possibly, this may be the last greeting it will be my privilege to lay before Your Highness in my capacity as the founder and manager of my little institution which I have all along maintained primarily for the sake of the lowliest among Your Highness' subjects in and around Komerom.

May the King of Kings long spare Your Highness in unimpaired health and vigour to rule Your beloved subjects in wisdom and benevolence

I crave leave to remain,

Your Highness' most loyal and dutiful subject,

M. I. PHILIP.

Komerom,
Silver Jubilee, Chingom 86.Sub-Assistant Surgeon,
Medical Officer in charge,
S. M. Jubilee Dispensary, Komerom

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJAH,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.,

&c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the Students of Your Highness' Caste Hindu Hostel, most respectfully beg leave to approach Your Highness with our loyal and dutiful congratulations on the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' beneficent reign.

The history of Travancore affords no parallel to Your Highness' reign in the matter of educational activity which by its material contribution towards the general progress and happiness of the State has attached Your Highness' subjects to Your Highness more than ever.

The institution of this Hostel has ensured our progress on modern lines quite consistently with our own traditions, and has placed us in surroundings more congenial to our intellectual and moral growth.

We, therefore, beg leave on this most happy occasion of universal rejoicing and thanks-giving to express our deep feelings of gratitude and loyalty to Your Gracious Highness for the manifold blessings of Your Highness' reign, and in particular for the many advantages of our life in the Hostel.

We pray to the Almighty to vouchsafe to Your Highness long life and happiness, and to Your Highness' loyal subjects the opportunity to celebrate more Jubilees of Your Highness' reign.

We beg to remain,
May it please Your Gracious Highness,
Your Highness' most dutiful and loyal subjects,
The Students of the Hostel.

His Highness the Maha Rajah's }
Caste Hindu Hostel, }
Trivandrum, 19th August 1910. }

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG,
 G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 OFFICIER DE L' INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.,
 MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the undersigned members of the Trivandrum Muslim Association, on behalf of the Mahomedan Citizens of Travancore, most respectfully beg to approach Your Gracious Highness with our humble and heart-felt felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' most glorious and beneficent reign.

We beg to assure Your Gracious Highness that, among the millions over whom the Royal House of Travancore holds sway, there is not a more contented, more loyal and more devoted class of subjects than the Muslim community of this land; and it is our proud privilege that in Your Gracious Highness and Your Highness' illustrious ancestors, the Muslims of Travancore have, for generations, found a succession of Sovereigns whose generous toleration of their faith, unflinching sympathy in their difficulties and deep solicitude for their welfare have made their names dear to the heart of every Mahomedan in Travancore.

The quarter of a century that has just elapsed since Your Gracious Highness assumed the control of the destinies of the people of this Kingdom has been an unbroken era of substantial progress both in the material and moral welfare of Your Highness' subjects, and in the case of the Muslim section of them especially. Your Highness' recent large-hearted measures in the matter of education and State patronage (an earnest of still greater gifts to come) have cemented together the affections and gratitude of a community whose loyalty is said to be an asset to the British Government.

In dedicating to Your Most Gracious Highness the humble tribute of our devotion and loyalty to Your Highness and to the Illustrious House of Travancore, we offer up our unceasing and sincere supplications to the Almighty to vouchsafe long life, health and happiness unto Your Most Gracious Highness and enable us to approach Your Gracious Highness again with a similar address congratulating Your Highness on Your Highness' Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

We humbly beg to subscribe,
 May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' devoted subjects,
 P. M. ISMAIL MUNAVERY,
 Apothecary.
 S. ADAM SAIT,
 General Merchant,
 Chalai Bazaar.

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI
 MANNEY SULTAN, MAHARAJAH RAJA
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG,
 G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 OFFICIER DE L' INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.,
 MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the Manager, Teachers and Students of the Sundara Vilas, School—a school started in memory of the late Mr. P. Sundaram Pillay, M. A. crave permission to approach Your Royal Highness on this occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' glorious reign, with this our humble token of affection, loyalty and reverence for Your Most Gracious Highness.

The sympathy and solicitude evinced by Your Most Gracious Highness in all matters connected with the welfare of Your Highness' subjects have deeply implanted in their hearts profound feelings of respect and affection for Your Royal Highness' person and throne, a feeble expression of which is being manifested to-day throughout the country. Your Royal Highness' reign has been marked by unexampled progress in all directions especially in education in all its aspects.

On bended knees we pray to the Almighty God, the Ruler of all Rulers, to vouchsafe to Your Most Gracious Highness long years of life, prosperity and happiness, so that we may be afforded similar opportunities of celebrating many a Jubilee like this.

We most humbly beg to subscribe ourselves,
 May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' most loyal and devoted subjects,
 S. NATARAJAPERUMAL P ILLAY,
 Manager
 and Teachers and Students,
 Sundara Vilas School.

Perukaday,
 3rd Chingom 1086 }

Maraman Church,
 Aranmulay,
 1st Chingom 1086.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

I would beg permission to take this opportunity of conveying, in my behalf and that of tens of thousands of Your Highness' loyal Christian subjects, the humble and cordial congratulations and felicitations of our church to Your Highness on this occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' brilliant and beneficent reign.

The spontaneous activities in connection with the Jubilee celebrations not only in the capital but also in the remote villages of the State, and that in spite of Your Highness' definitely expressed disinclination towards such demonstrations, speak volumes for the wide-spread feelings of appreciation and grateful joy felt by Your Highness' happy subjects on this auspicious occasion. The sentiments expressed in the various public utterances at the meetings in connection with the celebrations in different parts of the State bear ample testimony to the high estimation in which the right regal qualities of head and heart adorning Your Highness are held by representative gentlemen of all ranks and creeds, both official and non-official, which qualities have been the true source under God of all the prosperity and progress Your Highness' subjects have been enjoying during this quarter of a century.

Nor can I forget on this occasion to express our deep sense of the personal sympathy and encouragement our church has received at Your Gracious Highness' hands during the period of the material reverses in her fortunes, and quite recently during the sad days of the illness and decease of the late Metropolitan, to which Royal graciousness, under the blessing of God, we owe a good deal of the recent progress and prosperity of our community.

In conclusion I beg once more to congratulate Your Highness on the celebration of this glorious Jubilee and pray that it may please the Eternal Fountain of all goodness to shower His richest blessings on Your Highness granting that Your Highness may long continue Your Highness' illustrious reign over the grateful and devoted subjects of Your Highness.

I beg to remain,
 May it please Your Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' most devoted subjects,
 T. MAR. THOMA,
 Malabar Metropolitan.

CATHOLIC INDIAN ASSOCIATION,
TRIVANDRUM BRANCH,
TRIVANDRUM, 19TH AUGUST 1910.

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE,
G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We, the President and members of the Catholic Indian Association, Trivandrum, beg to approach Your Highness on this occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' prosperous reign and present our very sincere congratulations.

We take advantage of this happy occasion to express to Your Highness our never-failing loyalty and our deep-felt gratitude for all the privileges that our community has been favoured with during the past quarter of a century of Your Highness' reign.

We most humbly pray God Almighty to grant Your Highness many more years of happy life and to bestow upon Your Highness all His choice blessings.

Once more offering Your Highness our sincere felicitations and humble respects,

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
Your Highness' most obedient servants,
FR. PASCHASIUS, O. C. D.,
President.

T. MUTTAYA PILLAI,
Secretary.

To

HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

Travancore is rejoicing today, for it is the "Silver Jubilee" of her beloved Sovereign. And well may she rejoice for she is a singularly privileged land, and the people are convinced that their Sovereign has only their well-being at heart.

It is not long since we made our way into this beautiful region where Your Highness has so graciously allowed us to carry on our work, of the care of the sick and the helpless among Your Highness' subjects. Beside the bed of pain, we often reflect with gratitude, that we are permitted in a strange land, far away from our "Alma Mater" to labour so peacefully for God's Honour and Glory, in the service of His suffering creatures.

We are glad to avail ourselves of this opportunity to tender our most heartfelt thanks to Your Highness for the commodious building which has been erected for us under the orders of Your Highness' Government. It is well situated and everything has been done with a view to our comfort.

Accept then, most Gracious Sovereign, the expression of our hope, that Your Highness may long continue under Divine Guidance to rule the destinies of Travancore and be granted the happiness of seeing the land enjoy an increase of peace and plenty in the coming years.

We remain,
Your Highness' most humble
and obedient servants,
The Sisters of the Holy Cross.

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
 SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA,
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KIRITAPATI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHANSHUR JANG
 K. G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c.
 MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

With profound feelings of respect and loyalty, we, the Students of Your Highness' College and High School, beg leave to approach Your Highness on this most auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' Glorious reign, with this our humble and hearty congratulations and good wishes.

While the whole country of Travancore is under the deepest debt of gratitude to Your Highness for the peace, prosperity, justice and good Government which Your Highness' subjects enjoy under Your Highness, benign sway, we, the student population in particular, are especially beholden to Your Highness for the complete and well-organised system of Education that Your Highness has placed within the reach of the poorest of Your Highness' subjects. Adhering to the enlightened policy of former Maharajahs, Your Highness has not only evinced the same liberal and sympathetic interest in Art, Science and Literature generally, but from the day Your Highness ascended the Musnad, Your Highness has signalised Your reign by the utmost munificence in promoting Female Education and Free Primary Education in the land; while at the same time Your Highness' fostering care of Higher Education is seen in the stately additions recently made to our College buildings, in the Students' Hostel opened a year ago in the magnificent Public Library and the large additions made to our College Library, and in the recently established chairs of History and Economics and of Physics with the liberal grants in connection therewith. The proud position that our College occupies as one of the foremost educational institutions of South India is due to Your Highness' solicitude for the cause of learning and the munificence of your Highness' educational policy. It is our bounden duty, therefore, as students who have bene-

fited by Your Highness' liberality and sympathetic care, to acknowledge our deep gratitude and to express our profound feelings of affection, submission and loyalty to Your Highness' throne and person.

With our fervent prayers to the Almighty to bless Your Highness with long life, health and happiness and to vouchsafe to the people of Travancore the good fortune of celebrating the Golden Jubilee also of Your Highness' beneficent and illustrious reign,

We beg to remain,
 May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' humble and devoted Subjects,
 The Students of Your Highness' College and
 High School.

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KIREETAPATHI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHA RAJA
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG
 G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 OFFICIER DE L' INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE
 &c. &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

On this happy and auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' reign, amidst the universal rejoicings of all the inhabitants of Travancore, we, the members of Your Highness' Body Guard, beg to approach Your Highness with feelings of the most profound loyalty and devotion, and respectfully to convey our heartfelt congratulations to Your Highness by means of this humble address.

The occasion is a unique one. Your Highness' reign marks an epoch in the annals of Travancore. By the unanimous testimony of all, it has been an era of unprecedented prosperity and progress. Few Sover-

eigns of Travancore, if any, have had the good fortune to celebrate such a glorious Silver Jubilee. To us, perhaps, more than to the vast majority of the people of Travancore, this day is one of special interest and thankfulness, for, to us it has been granted more than to others for the last 25 years, the peculiar pleasure and privilege of being almost daily in personal attendance on Your Highness. It has been to us a matter of no small pleasure and pride that our lives have been spent in such close proximity to the person of our beloved Sovereign, and that our position in Your Highness' service is one of special trust and responsibility by reason of our being Your Highness' Body Guard. We should be wanting in our duty if we let slip this opportunity, without laying at Your Highness' feet our tribute of profound respect, and obeisance, and joining in the chorus of hearty good wishes that are echoed from all parts of this country. We must not also fail to add that the invariable kindness and consideration which we have received at Your Highness' hands, and the paternal solicitude which Your Highness evinced in our welfare have found a deep and abiding place in our hearts and memories, and we beg to assure Your Highness that we shall ever continue to cherish in our minds feelings of the sincerest gratitude, loyalty and devotion to Your Highness. That Providence may grant Your Highness many more years of health and happiness and that the people of the land may be blessed with peace and prosperity under Your beneficent rule is the earnest prayer of

Your Highness'

Most humble, obedient and devoted Servants

Shaik Abdullah,

Risalda Major,

Body Guard.

on behalf of the Body Guard,

Trivandrum,
3rd Chingom 1086.

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

RAMA VARMA, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U.,

MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the Travancorean Residents in the city of Bombay and most humble subjects of Your Highness, beg leave to approach you with our humble and grateful greetings on this auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' Memorable and benign reign over us. The past 25 years, the period of Your Highness' reign form a very important Epoch in the history of our Country. During Your Highness' illustrious reign numerous useful and beneficent reforms have been introduced into the Government of the State.

Your Highness' laudable solicitude for the welfare of your people is evidenced by the institution of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, thereby enabling the people to take great interest in the Government and to obtain redress for their grievances.

The abolition of taxes in kind has proved to be a great boon to the people. The progress of Education, both primary and higher, has been remarkable during the past five and twenty years in our country. It may be mentioned, on this occasion, that at the commencement of Your Highness' reign there were but few of your subjects who had visited foreign countries for purposes of Education and travel. But now, specially owing to Your Highness' praiseworthy help and assistance, we have several of our countrymen in our midst who have received instruction in Europe and other parts of the world and have thereby qualified themselves to be greatly useful to the country. Nor can we omit to mention the vast strides that Female Education has made in the land and the great interest Your Highness has taken in this great cause. So great has been the progress in this direction that it is with pride that we refer to the fact that we have now in our midst lady graduates of the University of Madras.

Large irrigation works which have served to promote commerce and industry have also been remarkable features of Your noble reign.

By inaugurating an era of peace and progress in all directions, Your Highness has brought your kingdom to the most enviable position of a Model Native State in India and has earned the undying gratitude of your subjects.

May God Almighty vouchsafe to you sound health and strength to reign over us for many years more like the Great RAMA VARMA of blessed memory is the prayer of your humble and loyal subjects.

K. R. Ravi Varma Raja.	(Kilimanoor)
K. Raman Tampi.	(Trivandrum)
P. M. Mathai.	(Kottayam)
P. G. Kumara Pillai	(Tiruvella)
G. Nanoo Pillai	(Trivandrum)
Jacob. J. Mathen	(Alleppey)
S. Krishna Pillai	(Vurkalai)
I. Jacob	(Kottarakarai)
P. Madhaven Pillai	(Trivandrum)
T. K. Govinda Pillai	(do)
K. Gopala Pillai	(do)
S. Subramony Iyer	(do)
K. Padmanabha Pillai	(do)
S. Ramachandra Rajoo	(do)
N. Sankara Pillai	(do)
K. Dharma Raja Iyer	(do)
K. Sankara Pillai	(do)
Seshiah Rajoo	(do).
N. Kasi Iyer	(do)
V. Padmanabha Pillai	(do)
K. E. Ninan	(Tiruvella)
Mahomed A. Baker	(Alleppey)
M. J. Abraham	(do)
P. O. Jacob	(do)
K. J. Joseph	(Changanacherry)
Thomas Martyn	(do)
K. Ramakrishna Pillai	(do)
Thomas K. Mangli	(Angamali)
P. K. Abraham	(Paroor)
K. Achoothan Pillai	(do)
K. Balakrishna Pillai	(do)

George Joseph	(Kottayam.)
P. I. Mathai	(do)
Thomas Tharyan	(Mavelikara.)
P. Narayanan Nair	(Trivandrum.)
P. Krishnan Nair	(Vaikam.)
P. Govinda Pillai	(Muvattupuzha.)
A. Lakshmana Iyer	(Trivandrum.)
N. Krishnaswamy Iyer	(Alleppey.)

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS

SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA

SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATHI

MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA

RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG

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MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

With feelings of profound loyalty and devotion, we, the members of the Sir Rama Varma Jubilee Club, Trivandrum, beg leave to approach Your Most Gracious Highness with our respectful and hearty congratulations on the happy occasion of Your Highness' completing the twenty-fifth year of Your Highness' eventful, beneficent and benevolent reign.

Your Highness' kind, loving and parental solicitude for the welfare of all classes of Your Highness' subjects has indeed been a rare blessing to the whole country for which all are sincerely grateful; and, to the mighty chorus of prayer and thankfulness to the Almighty Ruler of the universe that is to-day raised throughout this State, we also join our humble voice, and we fervently pray that Sri Padmanabha may continue to shower His choicest blessings on Your Highness and preserve Your Highness in health and happi-

ness to rule over this land of charity with Your Highness' wonted wisdom justice and humanity, for many, many long years to come.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
 May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
 Your Most Gracious Highness' loyal and devoted subjects

K. G Sesha Iyer.
 P. N. Bhoothalingom Iyer.
 G. Ramabhadra Iyer.
 P. K. Anantanarayana Iyer.
 A. V. Narasimha Iyer.
 B. Kesava Row.
 M. R. Venkatarama Iyer.
 T. S. Subramonya Iyer.
 C. S. Krishnaswamy Iyer.
 T. S. Appathurai Iyer.
 T. R. Kesava Iyer.
 O. S. Ramaswamy Iyer.
 S. Sankara Iyer.
 A. Krishna Iyengar
 K. V. Natesa Iyer.
 N. Krishnaswamy Iyer.
 V. Nagamaiya.

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
 SR: PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASHEKARA KIRITAPATHI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJA
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG.
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 MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY it PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the members of the Students' Union (Chalai-Chenthattai), Tri-
 vandrum, beg leave to approach Your Highness with profound feelings of

loyalty and joy on this occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' accession to the historic Musnad of Travancore.

It is superfluous on our part to enumerate the various blessings which Your Highness' subjects have enjoyed during Your Highness' long and prosperous rule.

May the Almighty God shower upon Your Highness and on Your Highness' line His boundless blessings, and may Your Highness' reign be as long and prosperous as that of Your illustrious ancestor, the Great Rama Raja of old and may many more happy occasions like this be celebrated is the most heartfelt prayer of all Your Highness' subjects.

We beg to remain,
Your Highness' Loyal Subjects,
The Members of the Students' Union,
(Chalai—Chenthittai), Trivandrum.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS

SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA

SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KJIRITAPATHI

MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAMA RAJA BABA

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MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Cutch Mahammedan Merchant Community, beg leave to approach Your Highness to offer our humble felicitations on the happy day of the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' memorable reign.

The quarter of a century just elapsed has been indeed marked by great material advancement of Your Highness' subject population in general, and the Mahommedan community also, we may say, has had its humble share in it.

The special facilities introduced of late by Your Highness' Government for the spread of Education amongst our brethren, courtesy shown by Your Highness towards our religious observances, the increasing advantages accorded for the development of commerce which forms the chief trade of the major portion of our community, have all earned for Your Highness the enduring gratitude of our brethren.

We feel, we cannot express our sense of indebtedness to Your Highness in a better manner than by sending forth our sincere prayers to the Throne of Heaven to reward Your Highness adequately for all the favours done to us.

We also fervently pray that the Grace of Providence may be pleased to preserve Your Highness' valuable life for still many more years to come to continue to govern us with that rare wisdom, love and sympathy that have always characterised Your Highness' benign Rule.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,

May it please Your Gracious Highness,

Your Most Gracious Highness' most loyal

and devoted subjects and servants,

ABDUL LATIFF ESSA SAIT,

Manager, Rice and Oil Mill Coy. Ltd.,

Vallakadavoo.

GULMAHAMED HAJI ESSACK SAIT,

President, Rice and Oil Mill Coy. Ltd.,

Vallakadavoo.

Trivandrum

19th August 1910. }

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS

SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA

SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KIRITAPATHI

MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA RAMARAJA BAHADUR

SHAMSHER JANG G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., M. R. A. S., F. M. U.,

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MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

On behalf of the Nair community, we, the members of the Keraleeya

Nair Samajam respectfully beg leave to tender their loyal congratulations on the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' most glorious reign.

Every year since Your Highness' accession to the throne has been marked by momentous measures and reforms; and their accumulated beneficence over-filling the hearts of a grateful people, the present spontaneous outburst and demonstration take place as tokens of their indebtedness and gratitude.

The destinies of the Nayar community have been closely intertwined with the history of the Royal family of Travancore, and the unique privileges it has been their great distinction and fortune to enjoy from time immemorial at the hands of the successive distinguished Sovereigns of the State evidence an affinity of interests such as entitle them to claim the foremost participation in the glories and triumphs of their Liege Lord.

In characteristic modesty, Your Highness, opened Your Highness' August Reign with an expression of diffidence; but today Your Highness occupies the most exalted pedestal that ever a Ruler has attained.

It is our humble pride that no Sovereign in History can show a more brilliant record of combined administrative beneficence and personal virtue; and we fail to find words to adequately voice our sentiments on this occasion. It is a solemn truth that Your Highness has made such a thorough conquest of the people's hearts as it has never been any other's to accomplish.

Your Highness has a throne in every heart that throbs within Your Highness' realm, and posterity, too, will cherish Your Highness' name as that of the best and greatest Ruler of Travancore.

We fervently pray to the Almighty that Your Highness may be blessed with long life and health to rule for decades to come as the King and Father of the multitudes entrusted to Your Most Gracious Highness' sacred care.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,

May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
Your Most Gracious Highness' dutiful,
devoted, and loyal subjects and servants,

A. Govinda Pillay.

C. Krishna Pillay.

P, K. Kesava Pillai.
 Malloor K. Govinda Pillay.
 M. Govinda Pillay.
 C. V. Raman Pillay.
 T. C. R. Madhavan Pillay.
 R. Gopala Pillay.
 P. Padmanabha Pillay.
 Narayanan Tampi.
 T. Marthandan Tampy.
 V. K. Velu Pillay.
 M. Krishna Pillay.
 K. Kunjanni Menon.
 M. Krishna Pillay.
 N. Raman Pillay.
 K. R. Krishna Pillay.
 C. K. Nagam Pillay.
 K. Achuthan Pillay.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c.

The humble congratulations of the Nuns and school-girls of St. Teresa's Convent, Coonemaw.

MA Y IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

With combined feelings of deep loyalty and submission, we the Nuns and school-girls of St. Teresa's Convent, Coonemaw, Kottuvally, Parur Taluk, hasten to perform the most pleasing duty of greeting and congratulating Your Highness on this happy occasion, the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' prosperous reign. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the occasion is one of unparalleled felicity to each and every one in the Travancore State.

It is a duty imposed upon us by our religion to pray, for the welfare of the Ruler of the State in which we live. Hence it is needless for us to assure Your Highness of the anxiety with which, as loving subjects, we have so long prayed to the Almighty to bestow on Your Highness His choicest blessings. Today in a special manner we decorated our Convent

Church and School and assembled therein to thank God for the many favours daily showering upon Your Highness.

We humbly beg to be permitted to express here the great pleasure and sincere gratitude we feel in observing the many salutary reforms effected in the administration of the State since Your Highness' accession to the throne, in most of which Your Highness was doubtless ably assisted by the worthy gentleman, who, at present, occupies the high office of Dewan.

We are happy to state on this good occasion that ours is the first Convent that was established in the whole of Travancore; this Institution was launched into existence 42 years ago; during its long period of useful career it has been productive of much good in the locality, especially in the cause of female education; now it contains 47 professed Nuns, 20 novices and 90 school-girls; it has at present, an English-Vernacular Middle School and an Industrial School; these are managed by ourselves without any Government grant, though heavily felt; yet for the satisfactory condition of which the annual reports of the public examinations are standing witnesses.

With these expressions of our heartfelt feelings on this happy moment of Your Highness' illustrious career, we conclude by calling upon the Almighty to vouchsafe to Your Highness long life and sound health so that we may be able to celebrate also the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Your Highness' reign and that Your Highness may be enabled to discharge the high and onerous duties of Your Highness' exalted position "Scattering plenty over the smiling land and reading its history in a nation's eye".

In fine, most humbly requesting Your Highness' special regard on us and on our institution,

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
 May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' loyal and devoted subjects,
 The Nuns and school-girls of St. Teresa's Convent,
 Coonemaw.

(For All)

SISTER MARY CATHERINE OF JESUS,
 T. O. C. D.,

Mother Superior.

Coonemaw, 19th August 1910.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS

SIR RAMA VARMA,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. B. A. S.,

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We, the members of the Anantha Theosophical Lodge, Trivandrum, beg leave to tender, to Your Gracious Highness, our most respectful, loyal and heartfelt congratulations on this most auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' illustrious reign. It is with genuine pride and pleasure that Your Highness' loyal subjects throughout the State acknowledge the unique privilege they have enjoyed of owing allegiance to Your Highness during a full quarter of a century; and to-day, the voice of the entire population of the State, irrespective of caste, colour or creed, goes forth fervently and prayerfully in one mighty volume to the throne of the Most High, that Travancore may be blessed to remain under Your Highness' beneficent sway for many more years to come. The great and inestimable benefits of good Government that Your Highness' subjects have enjoyed during Your Highness' memorable reign, the untiring zeal and solicitude Your Highness has always been known to evince in securing the progress, happiness and welfare of Your Highness' devoted subjects, and the high and noble personal qualities that form Your Highness' peculiar property have endeared Your Highness to the vast millions of Your Highness' subjects, to whom Your Highness will always remain an ideal Sovereign, a noble embodiment of all that is good and loving and lovable.

May the Great Lord of the Universe, through His Trusted Ministers, the Lords of Wisdom and Compassion, pour on Your Highness, His choicest blessings is the earnest prayer of

Your Highness' most loyal and
devoted subjects,

Members of the Anantha T. S.,

Trivandrum.

The Anantha T. S., Trivandrum,

18th August 1910.

2nd Chingom 1086.

K. G. Sesha Iyer
 S. Venkatarama Iyer
 R. Sreenivasan
 P. K. Kesava Pillai
 C. Raghava Chari
 Mallore K. Govinda Pillay
 K. S. Narayana Iyer
 C. S. Padmanabha Pillai
 P. Thandu Iyer
 P. C. Narayana Menon

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 SIR RAMA VARMA,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We, the pupils and the undersigned members representing the teaching staff of the Fort Zenana Mission School for girls, beg permission to approach Your Gracious Highness with feelings of profound respect, and to offer our humble, yet most sincere, congratulations on this happy occasion of Your Highness' completing the 25th year of Your Highness' most benign and beneficent reign.

We are indeed unable to express adequately in words the many-sided character of Your Highness' intellectual attainments, the several manly virtues that grace Your Royal Personality or the manifold blessings which Your Highness has been the cause of bestowing on this beautiful land of Travancore. But we do constantly realize, in common with the rest of Your Highness' loving subjects, the presence in our midst of that unfailing fountain of goodness, charity and love which flows from Your Highness' Throne, and we assure Your Highness that our hearts do warmly throb within us with feelings of extreme delight and thankfulness because

Providence has vouchsafed to us this joyful opportunity of conveying to Your Gracious Highness our sense of undying gratitude and love to Your Highness' person and Throne.

We take the liberty of submitting that our sense of joy and thankfulness on this occasion is of a deeper and more personal character than that of the rest of Your Highness' subjects, because we live and move and practically have our very being within the walls of Your Highness' Palace. We have had our foundation on the broad basis of Your Highness' religious toleration, we live in the very sunshine of Your Highness' powerful protection, we are nurtured by Your Highness' princely liberality, and we have often been favoured by Your Highness' inspiring presence. We therefore feel with conscious pride that we are very near and dear to Your Highness, and our happiness on this blessed occasion is really too great to be expressed in words.

In conclusion, we all with united hearts pray to our Heavenly Father that He may be graciously pleased to shower His choicest blessings on Your Highness and that He may vouchsafe to us the opportunity of celebrating Your Highness' Golden and Diamond Jubilees, as we did in the case of our Gracious Sovereign of happy memory Queen Victoria the Good.

We respectfully beg to remain,
 Your Highness' obedient, loyal
 and grateful servants,
 E. Beaumont, Acting Lady Principal.
 K. T. Korah, Head-Master.
 K. N. Ninan, 1st assist. master.
 A. V. Mathew, 2nd assist. master.
 S. Sundaram, Head-Master, Tamil School.
 J. W. Joseph, Music Master.
 P. Gowri Amma.
 K. Lekshmi Kutty Amma
 P. Lekshmi Kutty Amma
 L. Janaki Amma.
 N. Janaki Amma.
 P. Chembu Amma.
 K. Janaki Amma.
 K. Lekshmi Kutty Amma.

O. Mariam.
 P. Thankammal.
 C. Karthiayani Amma.
 Nani Amma.
 C. Kunji Amma.
 C. Sarah.
 P. Bhagirathi Amma.

To.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
 SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKARA KIRI TAPATHI
 MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH RAJA
 RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG,
 G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 OFFICIER DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.,
 MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

In accordance with a resolution unanimously carried by the members of the "Literary Association," Karamanai, we most respectfully beg permission to submit to Your Highness, this, our loyal and heartfelt address of congratulation, on the happy occasion of Your Highness completing 25 years of most benign rule.

It is with the highest gratification we contemplate the fact, that, after Rama Varma the "Great", Your Highness is the first Sovereign who has for over 25 years represented to us the manifold blessings of a highly civilized Government. On this auspicious occasion, there is but one feeling in the minds of all Your Highness' subjects throughout the State, and that feeling is that, like your famous ancestor and namesake, "May Your Highness rule us long". It is with extreme pleasure we refer to the fact that Your Highness' rule has been all along a record of uninterrupted peace and prosperity.

In conclusion, we fervently pray the All-wise disposer of events to grant to Your Highness many years of happy life, health and prosperity.

With feelings of profound loyalty and deep submission,

We beg leave to subscribe ourselves,
May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,

The members of the

“Karamanai Literary Association.”

1. R. Mahadeva Iyer (Secretary)
2. K. P. Subrahmanya Iyer.
3. S. Narayana Iyer.
4. C. Krishna Vadhayar.
5. K. Sankarasootramony Iyer.
6. K. Ganesh.
7. R. Vaidianatha Iyer.
8. A. Chidambara Iyer.
9. S. Rama Iyer.
10. G. Krishna Iyer.
11. S. Sankara Iyer
12. P. Subrahmany Iyer.
13. S. Mahadeva Iyer.
14. R. Ganapathi Subramaney Iyer.
15. R. Subramanya Iyer.
16. V. Narayana Sastri.
17. N. Ganghadara Iyer.
18. M. Sivarama Krishna Iyer.
19. H. Ramakrishna Iyer.
20. P. Subramoney Iyer.
21. V. S. Narasimha Iyer.
22. K. Sathivageswara Iyer.
23. N. Krishnamurti.
24. V. Ramakrishna Sastri.
25. K. R. Subramoney Iyer.
26. S. Ramalinga Iyer.
27. A. Veeramoney Iyer.
28. S. Kasava Iyer.
29. R. Krishna Iyer.

30. R. Harihara Iyer.
31. S. Ramakrishna Iyer.
32. S. Harihara Iyer.
33. H. Sankaranarayana Iyer.
34. V. Sankarasoobyer.
35. R. Sathivageswara Iyer.
63. C. Ramanarayana Iyer.
37. S. Padmanabha Iyer.
38. S. Krishna Iyer.
39. R. Gopala Krishna Iyer.
40. V. S. Thanu Iyer.
41. K. Subramaneya Iyer.

Karamanai
18th August 1910. }

R. Mahadeva Iyer,
(Secretary.)

To

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
SIR RAMA VARMA KULASHEKARA KIREETAPATHI
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

With feelings of profound and deep rejoicings, the undersigned, on behalf of the National Club, Trivandrum, beg leave to approach Your Most Gracious Highness to tender their heartfelt and humble congratulations on the very auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Gracious Highness' beneficent reign.

Your Most Gracious Highness' loyal subjects of all ranks and creeds unite to-day in unbounded joy to celebrate this happy event of the Silver Jubilee of Your Most Gracious Highness' beneficent reign and the under-

signed who cherish as a birthright the proud privilege accorded to them by Your Most Gracious Highness of approaching Your Most Gracious Highness as representing a vast and loyal section of Your Most Gracious Highness' subjects beg most respectfully to convey to Your Most Gracious Highness on this memorable occasion the community's humble and grateful tribute of devotion and attachment to Your Most Gracious Highness' Royal name and person.

This important and auspicious occasion is a source of peculiar pleasure and intense happiness to Your Most Gracious Highness' devoted and loyal subjects, as it gives them an opportunity of evincing their feelings of sincere gratitude and deep loyalty to their beloved Sovereign whose beneficent reign of the last 25 years has all along tended to promote the material well-being of the people of Travancore.

In celebrating this joyous event, we beg to take the liberty of assuring Your Most Gracious Highness that every passing year makes Your Most Gracious Highness the more precious to us, the more beloved and the more worshipped. Kind, loving, righteous and wise, Your Highness has so deeply identified Your Highness' personal weal with that of Your Highness' peoples, that we feel truly blessed in our Sovereign and in taking leave to invoke the blessings of the Almighty on Your Highness, we pray unto Him to vouchsafe to us for decades to come the continuance of Your Highness' glorious rule of peace, plenty and progress.

With sentiments of the deepest loyalty and attachment,

We beg leave to subscribe,

May it please Your Gracious Highness,

Your most Gracious Highness' loyal, loving and dutiful subjects.

Trivandrum,
3rd Chingom 1086.

P. K. Kesava Pillay.
A. Sri Narayanan Tampi.
Mallore K. Govinda Pillay.
K. Veloo Pillay.
P. Padmanabha Pillay.
M. Govinda Pillay.
T. Marthandan Thampi.
C. K. Nagan Pillay.
R. Gopala Pillay.

R. Nanoo Pillay.
 K. Padmanabha Pillay.
 E. Paramu Pillay.
 K. Valayuden Pillay.
 N. Paramu Pillay.
 T. Madhavan Pillay.
 M. Iswaran Thampi.
 I. N. Veloo Pillay.
 K. N. Kunjan Pillay.
 N. Krishnan Tampi.
 K. Achuthen Pillay.
 N. Neelakanda Pillay.
 K. Parameswaren Pillay.
 K. R. Krishnan Pillay.
 K. Narayanan Thampi.
 K. Kochukrishna Marar.
 T. Ramakrishna Pillay.
 N. Sri Narayanan Tampi

To

HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

As representing Your Highness' subjects connected with the London Missionary Society residing in South Travancore, we venture to present to Your Highness our most sincere congratulations on this the 25th Anniversary of Your Highness' accession to the Throne.

The benefits that we have enjoyed during the last quarter of a century are numerous and far-reaching. The bounds of civil and religious liberty have been extended and assured and we are deeply conscious of

Your Highness' gracious favours. The equal administration of the law, together with the extension of the benefits of education, have made it possible for even the poorest amongst us to secure and enjoy a measure of comfort unknown to our forefathers, and we record with gratitude that Your Highness has ever exercised towards us the Christian grace of Charity.

We pray for Your Highness' long life and continued prosperity. May that blessing come upon Your Highness in these latter days, which is promised to good kings in our sacred Book, which says :—

One that ruleth over men righteously,
 That ruleth in the fear of the Lord,
 Shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth
 A morning without clouds,
 When the tender grass springeth out of the earth,
 Through clear shining after rain.

JAS. DAVIDSON,
 Chairman, Travancore District Committee.

ARTHUR. T. FOSTER,
 Secretary, Travancore District Committee.

K. P. THOMAS,
 President, South Travancore Church Union,

PAUL DANIEL,
 Secretary, South Travancore Church Union.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
 SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA,
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 OFFICIER DE L'INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE,
 &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,
 MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

On behalf of His Lordship, the Bishop of Cochin, and the Catholic Clergy and Laity of the twenty-eight Villages constituting the Trivandrum Portuguese Missions extending from the Coast of the Taluq of Trivandrum on the North to that of Vilavancode on the South and consisting of a Christian population of more or less 25,000 souls, We, the undersigned, beg permission to offer our respectful congratulations on the happy occasion of the completion of the Twenty-fifth year of Your Highness' accession to the Royal Throne of Travancore.

We confess it is not within our humble power to recount the numberless blessings which the various sections of the people in this land have had the good fortune to enjoy under Your Highness' long and glorious reign.

To speak exclusively, yet briefly, of the Christian Community that we represent, while the rest of the vast continent of India was offering all possible resistance engineered by envious oppositions, christianity found a ready field in Your Highness' ancient State. It is for history to relate how considerable were the facilities granted to the great Christian Apostles (that laboured in the country) in the difficult discharge of their sacred trust, under the tolerant and sympathetic spirit of Your Highness' illustrious predecessors. The first band of Portuguese Missionaries, to whom these missions owe their conversion to the Catholic Faith, have borne lasting testimony to the hospitality and cordial treatment accorded to them by the Royal House of Travancore. The uniform generosity, tolerance and

courtesy, shown by Your Highness in the cause of our Religion are too well known to need any special mention here.

The generous provision made long ago for the free Primary education of children from here as well, the continual attention bestowed upon the satisfactory maintenance of the sanitation and the measures adopted from time to time for effectively combating the ravages of Famine and Epidemics both of which unfortunately make frequent visits to some of the parts—speak with no less degree of eloquence of 'Your Highness' unremitting solicitude for the advancement and well-being of Your Highness' Subjects, no matter to what caste, colour or creed they belong.

We beg to avail ourselves of this golden opportunity of giving public expression to our sense of gratitude and loyalty to Your Highness for the manifold favours done to the Christian Community in general, particularly to the humble section which we represent. We also beg to assure Your Highness that there is not a Catholic place of Worship in these Missions wherein special solemn service is not held in commemoration of this happy event and for the further prolongation of Your Highness' brilliant Reign and not a single home, however humble it may be, in which this day is not observed as one of great gaiety and festivity. All this spontaneous outburst of popular enthusiasm and loyalty has indeed received a strong stimulus from a recent Circular order on the subject issued by His Lordship, the Bishop of Cochin, under whose Spiritual Jurisdiction we are.

May bounteous Heaven vouchsafe to grant the humble yet sincere supplications of Your Highness' loyal and grateful subjects and may Your Highness be spared long—very long, with health, wisdom and strength to increase still further the splendour of Your Royal Throne and advance the prosperity of the ancient Kingdom over whose destinies Your Highness has under Divine Ordinance been called upon to rule.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,

May it please Your Most Gracious Highness,
Your Highness' devoted servants and ever loyal subjects,

REVD. A. J. HEREDIA,

Superior General,

Trivandrum Portuguese Missions,

Saint Antony's Church, Valiaturay (Village)

REVD. A. V. PEREIRA, VICAR & OTHERS.

Trivandrum, }
19th August 1910. }

HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

The Community of the Holy Angels' Convent, twenty-five years ago, hailed with joy Your Highness' accession to the ancient Musnad of Travancore. All the hopes the country then reposed in the young Ruler have been more than realised. Mercy and forbearance have come to be known as the characteristic traits of Your Highness' rule. The country, entrancing in the beauty of its landscapes, has enjoyed peace and tranquillity for an interval of time unparalleled in the records of any country at the present day. Travancore has so long enjoyed immunity from distress and strife, that Your Highness' subjects cannot conceive a state of affairs other than this. Owing to the nature of our work, which brings us in contact with different classes of the people, we are able to testify to the blessings Your Highness' subjects enjoy in this privileged land. As a community, we ourselves owe to Your Highness the deepest gratitude for the uninterrupted peace in which we have been allowed to carry on work, besides being the recipients of bounties in no small measure in the encouragement and support Your Highness has always so courteously extended to us in our work of educating the young and of the care of the poor and the orphan.

Hail then to our King, our Benefactor and the Friend of the poor ! Twenty-five years of prosperity and happiness remarkable for the promulgation of goodly laws and for benevolent acts have marked Your Highness' Reign and Heaven has blessed those years by granting to the land abundant rainfall and plentiful harvests. We pray the Lord of Heaven and Earth to continue to bless thus the land and to crown His blessings by sparing to us Our Beloved Sovereign for many years to come !

With our united respectful greeting,

We beg to remain,

Your Highness' most humble and loyal servants,

The Sisters of the Holy Angels' Convent.

Trivandrum, }
19th August 1910. }

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA
 SRI RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIRITAPATI
 MANNEY SULTAN, MAHA RAJA RAMA RAJA BAHADUR
 SHANSHER JANG, G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
 MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

On this happy day when all Travancore is celebrating with enthusiastic joy the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' reign, we, the members of the Trivandrum Celebration Committee, on behalf of the citizens of the Capital, beg permission to approach Your Highness with expressions of loyal gratitude, respectful felicitations and hearty good wishes.

As their residence at the Capital has afforded them special opportunities of observing the numerous benefits that have been conferred on the country by Your Highness' glorious reign during the past quarter of a century, the Citizens of Trivandrum feel it their bounden duty to fitly acknowledge those benefits which they have enjoyed in common with the inhabitants of the rest of Travancore. To recapitulate here all the beneficial measures that have signalised Your Highness' reign would, however, be a task as formidable as unnecessary since they are so many and so well known; but on an occasion like the present, we should be wanting in our duty if we fail to recall a few at least of those blessings which our country owes to Your Highness' wise statesmanship and tender solicitude for the welfare of Your Highness' subjects. In the first place, reference should be made to the remarkable development of the material prosperity of the country that has been brought about by a series of far-seeing measures,—among which may be instanced the laying out of a vast net-work of roads and canals which have opened up communications within the State and greatly facilitated trade; while the introduction of the Railway has pierced the barriers of the Western Ghats which had for past ages isolated our country from the outside world; and the magnificent system of irrigation works recently completed in South Travancore is transforming that arid tract into the granary of the State and rendering Your Highness' subjects less dependent on foreign

countries for their food supply. These measures, along with the vigorous re-organisation of several departments of the State, are rapidly expanding the undeveloped resources of the country, and by increasing the wealth of the people are adding to their comforts and enjoyments of life. Nor have the higher needs of the people been less cared for; the precious boon of free Primary Education has been bestowed on all Your Highness' subjects, and the elevation of the lower classes has been taken on hand while the education of our women, on which the welfare of a nation so largely depends, has been so efficiently organised that Travancore has earned the unique distinction of possessing the largest percentage of school girls in all India—the magnificent Arts College equipped with up-to-date Laboratories, the Public Library—one of the finest in South India—and the hundreds of schools scattered throughout the country, all attest Your Highness' solicitude for the education of Your Highness' subjects. A system of Law Courts, free Hospitals, Dispensaries and Vydiasalas have brought justice and has relieved a large portion of Your Highness' subjects of grievous burdens. By wise and far-seeing statesmanship, Your Highness' Government have taken the people into Your confidence and by instituting Town Improvement Committees, the Legislative Council, and the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, Your Highness' Government are finding out at first hand the needs and aspirations of the people, training them to manage themselves their civic affairs initiating the principle of popular representation and associating the subjects with the Government in formulating the laws of the land. These are but a few of the many boons which Your Highness has conferred on Travancore, and when it is remembered that these privileges have been freely and spontaneously granted, the gratitude of the people should be expressed in no unstinted terms. We rejoice to recognise in Your Highness the most constitutional of Rulers and to find in Your Highness' action a most happy blending of true conservatism with advanced progressiveness, to find Your Highness so sedulous to safe-guard our ancient customs and yet so ready to adopt the improvement of modern Western civilization. Your Highness' incessant and conscientious application to the business of the State has made the King the hardest worked officer in the country. When we remember the countless instances when Your Highness has patiently listened to grievances and tales of woe, when we contemplate the simplicity and piety of Your Highness' life, and the genuine kindness of heart which refrains from injuring others but delights in doing good,—when

we recall all these, it is no wonder that Travancoreans are attached with so passionate a devotion to Your Highness' person and throne. In a country where the ruler and the ruled are thus knit together by the golden bond of love, there can only be loyalty, peace and contentment.

Good cause have Your Highness' subjects, therefore, to be filled with joy on this happy occasion when Your Highness has completed 25 years of a glorious reign. Therefore do they on this day offer up their thanksgivings to the Almighty, publicly in temples, mosques and churches, and privately in the sanctuaries of their homes and hearts; therefore do they send up their petitions to the All-Wise Dispenser of events beseeching Him to bestow on their beloved Maharajah long life, health, a continued prosperous reign, and every happiness and blessing.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
 May it please Your Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' devoted subjects and servants,
 Members of the Trivandrum Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee
 On behalf of the Citizens of Trivandrum.

N. Atchoothen Thampy
 A. Govinda Pillay
 Mallore K. Govinda Pillay
 H. B. Herbert
 E. Jacob John
 K. Kerala Varma Thamban
 K. Kerala Varma Thirumulpad
 P. K. Kesbaya Pillay
 B. Keshava Row
 K. Kochukrishna Marar
 M. La Bouchardiere
 R. S. Lepper
 H. Madhavan Pillay
 I. Madhavan
 Mahomed Hadjee Junis Sait
 Martandan Tampy
 K. Maruthanayagom Pillay
 A. M. Muthunayagom
 V. Nagamaiya
 Narayanan Tampi

K. V. Natesa Aiyar
 G. Padmanabha Aiyar
 S. Padmanabha Aiyar
 T. Padmanabha Row
 Arthur Parker
 K. G. Parameswara Menon
 Pathrose Mathai
 E. Poonen
 M. Rama Varma Tampan
 K. V. Rengaswamy Aiyangar
 E. S. W. Senathi Raja
 K. G. Sesa Iyer
 A. Sri Narayanan Tampi
 V. S. Subramoney Aiyar
 N. Sundararaja Aiyangar
 A. J. Vieyra
 V. Vaidhyanatha Aiyar.

HIS GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
 THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE, G. C. S. I.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We, the members of the Sri Mangalaswara Subramonia Paripalitha Satjana Samaj, Trivandrum, beg leave to approach Your Most Gracious Highness with the humble tribute of our devotion on this auspicious occasion of the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' most glorious reign.

In this connection, we beg to submit that we represent a community of Thriswathanthra Muniswaras *alias* Mukkany Brahmins, which has all along been devotedly attached to the Sovereigns of this land of charity.

Our settlement in this land dates from time immemorial and is solely due to the benevolence of the Sovereigns of this country to which

we are proud to belong. Ever since, this small community has been flourishing under the paternal solicitude of the successive Maharajahs of this country. Our loyalty to Your Highness remains paramount, whether we are living in Travancore or outside. Your Highness has been maintaining the unbroken line of tradition of Your Highness' ancestors of blessed memory. Under the fostering care of Your Highness, our community is steadily progressing and is enjoying the manifold blessings and privileges conferred by Your Highness upon the subjects during Your Highness' long and eventful reign.

On this jubilant occasion we, in common with the other subjects of Your Highness, pray the Almighty Subramonia Mangalaswarar for Your Highness' long life and prosperity.

On thee, Sri Rama Varma, shine
The brightest rays of Grace Divine ;
And many a glorious day like this
Endow thy life with loftier bliss.

Trivandrum,
2nd Chingom 1086. }

S. SUBRAMONY AIYER,
B. HARIHARA AIYER,
SECRETARIES.

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS

SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PALA

SIR RAMA VARMA, K. G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E.

MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the members of "The Young Men's Association", Trivandrum, and the loyal and humble subjects of Your Highness take this golden opportunity of approaching Your Highness on the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness glorious and prosperous reign, and beg leave to offer this our humble tribute as a token of the affection, admiration, and regard that we cherish in our hearts for Your Gracious Highness.

Today the whole of Travancore rings with joy and celebrates with pride and pomp Your Highness' SILVER JUBILEE. Indeed, we also contribute our humble share to a noble duty from which we will not and cannot for a moment shrink.

Now we with one heart and soul pray to the Almighty, the giver of all blessings and happiness, to vouchsafe a long life and prosperity to our beloved and esteemed Sovereign.

May Your Highness live long not only to see this Silver Jubilee, or the Golden or the Diamond, but the Iridium Jubilee also.

May God Sree Padmanabha Bless Your Highness
is our humble and fervent prayer.

We beg to remain,
May it please Your Highness,
Your Highness' most humble and loyal subjects,

K. KRISHNA PILLAY,
Y. BHASKARAN NAIN,
Secretaries,

Trivandrum, } For "The Young Men's Association", Trivandrum.
19-8-1910/2-1-1086. }

Lahai Estate, Vadaserikara P. O.,
Travancore, South India.
13th August 1910.

HIS GRACIOUS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE,

K. G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E.
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
Trivandrum.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

I take this happy opportunity of heartily conveying to you my personal congratulations and as representative of the Firm of Messrs. Harrisons & Crosfield, Ltd., Colombo, who have vast interests in the East as well as in your land, on the happy occasion of Your Highness' Silver Jubilee of your auspicious reign, and we respectfully hope that Your

Highness may be long spared for the continuance and direction of the admirable administrations that have made Your Highness' State, the model one of the Indian Empire.

I tender you my personal thanks for the gracious treatment I have personally received during the fourteen years I have resided in Your Highness' State and for the prompt and generous attention Your Highness' officials have given to all dealings I have had the good fortune to place before them.

We trust you will long be spared to reign over the enlightened State, that Your Highness' gracious treatment and statesmanship has made progressive and peaceful.

Respectfully wishing you every happiness in the future,

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient servant,

C. BRANDER.

HIS GRACIOUS HIGHNESS

THE MAHA RAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

&c. &c. &c. &c.

TRIVANDRUM.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

We, the members of the S. V. High School Literary Union, Hari-
pad, and Your Royal Highness' loyal, devoted, and dutiful subjects,
most submissively beg to approach Your Royal Highness with words of
sincere love and rejoicings on this very auspicious occasion of Your Royal
Highness' "Silver Jubilee" and pray to the Almighty to vouchsafe Your
Most Gracious Highness long life, happiness and prosperity.

With most loyal and devoted feelings,

We most humbly beg to remain,

Your Most Gracious Highness' subjects,

The members of the S. V. High School Literary Union,

President K. JAVANTHESWARA AIYER, B. A.

Secretary, K. P. NEELACANTA PILLAY.

Hari-
pad, }
17-8-1910. }

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DĀSA VANCHI PALA
SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA KIREETAPATHI

MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJA RAJA
RAMARAJA BAHADUR SHAMSHER JANG

K. G. C. S. I., K. G. C. I. E.,
&C. &C. &C. &C.

MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

Amidst the general rejoicing which marks the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' reign, we, the students of the Trivandrum Law College, beg to approach Your Highness with this humble address as an expression of the feelings that are uppermost in our minds on this happy occasion. Never before we venture to think, has there been in the history of Travancore such a remarkable day when people of all races, castes and creeds have with one accord united together to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the reign of the Ruler of the land. The reason for this unique demonstration is not far to seek: for, the minds of all men, both young and old, have been imbued with feelings of warm loyalty and devotion to the Sovereign. As a constitutional Ruler, Your Highness stands unrivalled among the princes and potentates of India. Your Highness' reign has been practically the commencement of a new era in Travancore—the spring-time of modern progress, with all its varied ideals and activities. By wise and judicious statesmanship, Travancore has been raised to the front rank among the Native States of India, and has become a model to others. Within the last quarter of a century, every department of State has been reorganised and modelled on the most enlightened principles of Government. We cannot in this connection, fail to mention also that it is to Your Highness' wise and benevolent policy that we owe the existence of the Law College of Trivandrum—the only institution of its kind outside the Presidency town—which has enabled students from all parts of South India to flock together to Your Highness' Capital to receive a sound legal education and to appreciate and be benefited by the advantages of Your Highness' benevolent rule. We pray Your Highness to be graciously pleased to accept on this auspicious day of Your Highness'

Silver Jubilee, our most loyal, respectful and cordial congratulations, and the expression of our sincerest wishes that Providence may vouchsafe to Your Highness many more years of life and health as well as continued prosperity and happiness.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,
 May it please Your Gracious Highness,
 Your Highness' devoted Subjects and Servants,
 The Students of the Trivandrum Law College.

Trivandrum,
 19th August 1910.

HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

&c. &c. &c. &c.

The humble petition of Reverend Father Vicar and Parishioners of Vattal, Alleppey Proverthy, Ambalapuzhay Taluk.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

One of the resolutions passed by Your Highness' subjects in a meeting held in the Parochial House, was to perpetuate the happy memory of Your Highness' Silver Jubilee, building a Malayalam School at their expense and calling it "Sree Moolam Jubilee School".

Therefore the undersigned most humbly beg Your Highness to be graciously pleased to accept their loyal and humble homage.

The petitioners beg to remain,

Your Highness'

Most humble and dutiful Subjects,

John Thomas, Arasarkadavil House.

Gasperi Michael, Kocheekaren Veedoo.

Dominic Joseph, Karukappampoo House.

Peter Joseph, Auchuthaikkal House.

Vareed Lonan, Arasarkadavil House.

• 2nd Chingom 1086.

Andrews Louranthios, Koipparampoo.
 Francis Francis, Pallipparampoo House.
 Autha Gaspary, Koottunkal House.
 Peter Antony Vattathil House.
 John Antony, Panakkapurakkal House.
 Kunjan Vysian Vincent, Kocheekarem Veedco.
 Bastian Silway, Karukapparampoo House.
 Thomas Jacob, Panakapurakkal House.

8, Appu Mudali Street, Mylapore, Madras,
 16th August 1910.

HIS HIGHNESS SRI PADMANABHA DASA VANCHI PATA
 SIR RAMA VARMA KULASEKHARA
 KRITAPATI MANNEY SULTAN MAHARAJAH
 RAJA RAMA RAJA BAHADUR,
 SHAMSHER JANG, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E.,
 F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c.
 MAHARAJAH OF TRAVANCORE.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,

I most humbly and respectfully beg to be permitted to congratulate Your Royal Highness on the most auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee on 18th, 19th and 20th instants, in honour of the completion of 25 years of reign by Your Royal Highness.

I and my humble family are praying for Your Royal Highness' sound health and prosperity.

I pray Your Royal Highness to accept the congratulation of a poor man like me and also pardon me for writing this.

I beg to remain,
 Your Royal Highness'
 most obedient and
 humble servant,
 M. ABDUL NABY.

To

The Sarvadhikariakar
to H. H. The Maharajah of Travancore,
Trivandrum.

From

Kidangasseri Tharananalloor Padmanabhan Somayaji,
The President,
Kottilakkal.

Sir,

I am requested by the people of Irinjalakuda in a meeting held to-day under the auspices of Thachudaya Kaimmal Avl., to submit for Your Highness' benign acceptance the following humble token of their rejoicing at the completion of Your Highness' successful reign for 25 years.

We, the citizens of Irinjalakuda, take this opportunity to express our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the "Silver Jubilee" of Your Highness' happy reign. We are really proud that Your Highness has been able by Your Highness' model administration to evoke universal admiration among Indian Rulers who are as capable of administering a country as any other ruler in any part of the civilised world.

May the Almighty God bestow long and happy life on Your Highness.

18th August 1910, }
Irinjalakuda. }

Kidangasseri Tharananalloor
PADMANABHAN SOMAYAJI,
President.

Coimbatore,
18th August 1910.

From

P. K. Eapen Esq., B. A., B. L.,
Vakil.

To

The Private Secretary to His Highness the
Maharajah of Travancore,
Trivandrum.

Sir,

The subjects of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore residing in the Districts of Coimbatore and the Nilgris beg to offer their respectful and loyal congratulations on the occasion of the Jubilee of His Gracious Highness. They also pray that the Almighty may bless His Highness with many more years of happy and useful life.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient and humble servant,

P. K. EAPEN.

To

The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharajah
of Travancore.

Sir,

In connection with the celebration of the Silver Jubilee, the local Malayali Brahmin Jenmis held a meeting in the Sri Mula Raja Vilasam School attached to Jenmi Sabha and prayed God for the long life and prosperity of our benevolent Sovereign, distributed bread etc., to the students, conducted different sorts of sports and gave presents according to merits.

Please convey our cordial and loyal well wishes to our beloved Sovereign and favour us with a reply.

I beg to remain,
 Sir,
 Yours obediently,
 MAHASWAREN BHATTATIRI,
 The President of Jemmi Sabha
 and
 The Vice President of the Sri Mula Raja
 Vilasa School Committee, Thukalacheri,
 Tiruvella.

3rd Chingam 1086.

Sri Lakshmi Venkatasha Prasanna Vilas,
 West of Rajangalam, Udipi,
 17th August 1910.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS AND ROYAL HIGHNESS
 AND SOVEREIGN MASTER,

With due deference and submission I take the liberty to inform Your Most Gracious and Royal Highness that instead of paying my humble respects to Your Highness every New Year's day as usual, I do so by means of these lines this first day of Chingom 1086 M. E. and pray for Your Highness' and family's long life, vigorous health and all the desirable choicest blessings of Sree Padmanabha Swami, and I do so in the presence of Shree Krishna Swami at Udipi, and pray that I may be most graciously and kindly informed of Your Most Gracious and Royal Highness' welfare from time to time.

This opening of the year being by Sree Padmanabha Swami's grace the completion of the 25th year of Your Highness' reign, I rejoice at being enabled to submit my most humble and respectful congratulations to Your Highness on such an auspicious occasion and prayers to my Tutelary Deity Tirupatti Srinivasa Swami for prolongation of Your Highness' reign for half a century more, by whose grace I have now

passed 71 though with slight defective vision and my son Srinivasa Moorthi Row, studying in the Second Form in whose handwriting these lines are written, has passed 10 years and is educated by Your Highness' benevolent gift of 10 Sircar Rupees a month.

With most humble respects and begging to be excused for intrusion,

I remain,

May it please Your Most Gracious and
Royal Highness and Sovereign Master,
Your Highness' most obedient, very
humble and most dutiful servant,

V. SREENIVASA ROW,
Retired Devaswom Sherastadar to the
Travancore Government.

Srirangom.

19th August 1910.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

I beg to offer my hearty congratulations on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Your Highness' splendid reign.

The rejoicings all over Travancore and in parts of India where Your Highness is known are very great.

Personally, I feel very thankful to God that Your Highness' reign has been splendid throughout and I pray God will bestow on Your Highness, Golden and Diamond Jubilee like Her Majesty's reign.

Ever with humble respects,

I beg to remain,

Your Highness' obedient and loyal Asrithan,
R. VEDANTA CHARU.

HIS HIGHNESS

THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE,

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.

&c.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

We heartily congratulate Your Highness on Your Highness' memorable reign of twenty-five years and we loyally submit to Your Highness this representation which we have taken on the occasion of our celebrating Your Highness' Silver Jubilee here.

We beg to remain,

Your Highness,

The loyal Representative of the Roman Catholics
of Kandanad, Vykome Taluk,

Fr. JOSEPH,

Thottungal House,

Kizhakkampalam, Kunnathnad Taluk,

Vicar of the Roman Catholic Church,

Kandanad.

Submitted with profound sentiments of loyalty and veneration to
His Illustrious Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore.

THE SRI MULAM SILVER JUBILEE ANTHEM.

Hail Rama Varma great
Of Venad's ancient State!
Survivor sole
Of ancient Chera's race
Of ancient Bharat's days,
Thy name is known to praise
From pole to pole. (1)

The pow'r of Pandya 'vast
 And Chola's splendour fast
 Had flashed away.
 Thy fathers sat in pride
 By their fraternal side
 At Rajasuya tide
 Of Bharat's sway ! (2)

They 're all but now in name
 While thine the roll of fame
 Spreads far and wide !
 In Delhi's Darbar hall
 At Albion's modern call
 O! Thou didst stand thro' all
 To India's pride ! (3)

Is there like thine a land
 Where nature's watchless hand
 Is bounteous more ?
 Is there a Royal line
 Which graces more combine
 Whose glories richer shine
 Than Travancore ? (4)

The splendour of the past
 Is truly great and vast
 Nor can it hide
 'Tis neither poet's dream
 'Nor sycophantic scream,
 But true historic theme
 Of honest pride ! (5)

Her Kings—a soldier one
 By whom the State was won.
 A hero then
 Who bloom and sun-shine brought
 With Saxon splendour fought.
 A sage and bard next sought
 A higher ken ! (6)

A statesman's wondrous gift
 Did then the country lift
 To model height!
 A scholar followed then
 Whose matchless might of pen
 Did flood the world again
 With love and light! (7)

A Queen there was who tolled
 The death-knell first in bold
 Of trade in slaves!
 'Twas long before the good
 And gallant West withstood
 The helot's servitude
 Across the waves! (8)

She gave alike the "Cross"
 And "Crescent" common cause
 With native creed!
 Can elsewhere one behold
 A larger foreign fold
 Than in this land of old
 And golden deeds? (9)

O land of ancient name!
 O king of ancient fame!
 Thy worth imparts
 To thee the gift divine
 Like Rulers of thy line
 To find a fitting shrine
 In people's hearts! (10)

For art thou not the first
 To let their voices burst
 In Council hall
 To set up laws of state
 And in Assembly great
 Their cause to advocate
 At thy own call? (11)

The people's friend thou art
 Their friend in thought and heart!

What tender care

For all the classes who
 Such diverse creeds pursue,
 And yet have all their due,
 A privilege rare! (12)

The land-lord's jennom right
 Which bound the tenants tight

Hath rigour none!

And many a grievous cess
 Which long on them did press
 And caused immense distress
 Ceased one by one! (13)

The Project works and schemes
 That bed the course of streams

Or bund the mere

The model farms and shows
 And easy loans to those
 In fiscal needs disclose
 Thy object dear! (14)

While on thy classic skies
 More stars degreed arise

Than near or far,

Since Arts and Letters find
 The richest realm assigned
 To delve for gems of mind
 That shine afar! (15)

The ladies of thy shore
 For beauty renowned more

Now higher soar!

With knowledge fast allied
 They push the men aside
 And work by rapid stride
 More than before! (16)

Adorned with pearls of fame
 And true to England's name
 O! thou dost well
 To ancient moorings keep
 Yet venture on the deep
 That light with Western sweep
 Of progress swell! (17)

Thro' five and twenty suns
 Thy peaceful regime runs
 Long be thy sway!
 For it prolongs the lease
 To progress, plenty, peace
 And our unshaken ease.
 Blest be thy day!

S. RAMANATHA AIVAR.

Kanjirapalli, }
 3-1-'86. }

HIS MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,
 THE MAHARAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., F. M. U., M. R. A. S.,
 &c. &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MOST GRACIOUS HIGHNESS,

The members of the Sri Mula Rama Varma Association, Karamanai, in their fulness of joy, beg to most respectfully tender as their humble token of deepfelt loyalty, their sincerest congratulations on the happy occasion of the completion of 25 years of Your Highness' glorious reign—a reign so pure, and so personally full not only of high intention and purpose but of noble performance that it has excited, in the minds of

every one who has the rare fortune of being Your Highness' subject, spontaneous feelings of personal and heartfelt devotion to Your Highness. Sharing largely as this Association does in these feelings as well as in the blessings of Peace and Progress, which have pre-eminently signalised Your Highness' benign rule, the Association most earnestly pray to Sri Padmanabha for the long continuance of Your Highness' ever increasingly beneficent reign and for the welfare of Your Highness' Royal family.

“ May children of our children say
 He wrought his people lasting good
 And statesmen at his council met
 Who knew the seasons when to take
 Occasion by the hand and make
 The bounds of freedom wider yet
 By shaping some august decree
 Which kept his throne unshaken still.”

K. CHIDAMBARA VADHYAR,
 Honorary Secretary, S. M. R. V.
 Association, Karamanai.

