

and liberty and right has been removed; a nation has been deprived of its head,—of one who had lived in more hearts than ever American President had lived in before,—of one whose memory will be handed down to posterity, as second only to Washington, the father of his country, if indeed he be second. What man, what lover of his kind, what christian can refuse the tribute of sympathy? We grieve because he was taken away at the time when his great work seemed on the eve of completion, when national re-construction and liberty seemed well-nigh secured. We sympathize with the nation because there seemed no man better fitted than he, to heal the wounds of the conflict and repair the sad losses of war, to accomplish the great work of national re-union, to teach that people the heroic, Christian duty of forgetting injuries and forgiving enemies, and cultivating peace with all the nations of the earth. And who that has the heart of a man, could refuse the prayer and tear of sympathy to the bereaved family, and especially to her who has been so suddenly and ruthlessly rendered a widow. Poor lady! God pity and comfort her! What Christian heart would refuse to pray that she may have the sympathy of Him who was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and the consolations of his glorious gospel? Will not Britain's Queen, our own loved Lady, who now sits a sad widow upon a lonely throne, shed tears and send words of sympathy to her sister in sorrow? And when the cloud of this great grief drops its showers of bitterness over the fatherland, will not every Christian heart that feels the thrill of sorrow pour forth its supplication to Him who relieveth the widow, who proclaims, "thy Maker is thy husband;" and in whom the fatherless findeth mercy? This general sympathy will cement the nations more closely than ever. There cannot be war now between the two greatest Christian countries of the world. If there should be, I could almost imagine that the blood of the murdered President would cry out against it. But it cannot, must not be. Civilization—liberty—human brotherhood—Christianity—all forbid. Surely enough of brother's blood has been shed during the last four years, to teach peace to the nations of the earth.

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