

Our Lamented Queen.

Resolution embodied in the minutes of our Board on the death of our beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria.

WE the Board of Management of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society do place on record this expression of our unfeigned sorrow at the passing away of our beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria, the great and good, who departed this life on the twenty-second day of January, nineteen hundred and one.

As subjects of Her Majesty we know that we have lost a wise and able Ruler, a Monarch who always upheld the right and discountenanced the wrong, a Queen who loved peace and strove to maintain it, who desired freedom for all men, and who was upright in character, faithful to promises and attached to her people with deep and mutual affection. As the head of the British Empire she ever kept before her the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world, and to her and her representatives, the missionaries of the Cross could ever look for sympathy and protection in times of danger.

We would record also our heartfelt sympathy with His Majesty, King Edward the Seventh, and the members of the Royal Family as they sorrow for their well-beloved mother, feeling sure, as we do feel, that the example Her Majesty set them in time after time rising above her personal and private sorrows in order to serve her people as their Ruler, will support them as they endeavor likewise to perpetuate in their own lives her noble and lofty standards.

We feel as individuals that we have been called to part with a life-long friend, a woman like ourselves, but one whose high qualities of mind and heart and whose simplicity of life endeared her to every right thinking woman throughout the world. In all her domestic relations, and especially as daughter, wife and mother, her noble example has been an inspiration to women and her whole life an honor to womanhood. While she loved her own nearest and dearest ones with an intense and constant love, her tender sympathy for the afflicted and suffering was ever ready and world-wide. Tried as she was by many and sore bereavements she well knew how to weep with those who wept, as well as to rejoice with those who rejoiced. But when we reflect that the graces and virtues which adorned the character of our beloved Queen were most certainly the outcome and the flower of deep religious convictions, we feel the bond of a closer and stronger tie than that of subjects to a venerated Monarch, and recognize in her who has been taken from us a sister in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are profoundly thankful for her long and illustrious reign, and we rejoice in the assurance that she has now entered into the immediate presence of her Master whose service was the aim of her earthly life, and where she will receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

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