

growth of the spirit of social service, the increased welfare of the masses, the elevation of moral, intellectual and material standards ; but the careful student of this period will recognise that this progress has been in no small measure due to her who presided over the government of the Empire, and from her lofty position presented to her people the example of the noblest virtues for an age of peace—plain thinking and high living.

“She wrought her people lasting good.

Her court was pure ; her life serene ;
God gave her peace ; her land reposed ;
A thousand claims to reverence closed
In her as Mother, Wife, and Queen.”