

one-fifth of the habitable globe. We talk of the ancient empire of Darius the Great; but Queen Victoria's is four times as large. Look at the empire of Russia, spread out over the maps of Europe and Asia, but ours is greater. France is a large and fertile country; but England has an empire twenty-six times as large. Germany is a mighty country; but Queen Victoria's is forty times as extensive. The United States extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the silver lakes to the Mexican Gulf; the empire of Great Britain is three times larger than the territory of the great Republic. What an empire for one august lady to rule over! And every part of it in peace, and making greater progress during the last fifty years than in any previous five hundred years! And all these changes and blessings linked and associated with the name and action of our greatest Queen, Victoria; God bless her. (Applause). Talk about wealth; the annual revenue of Great Britain, is over a thousand millions of dollars; she is the world's banker to-day, and furnishes everywhere the capital required for all great enterprises. Was ever a national career like this? Look at the triumphs in science and art. Take literature also, and the Victorian era will equal, if not surpass, the illustrious Elizabethan age, with its Shakespeare and Bacon; or the age of Queen Anne, with such names as Addison, Steele and Pope. Legislation has become beneficent and merciful, and all our laws show forth a benign Christian civilization. It is true that the Queen has not made all these changes, yet it is proper to link her name with all these blessings; and that grand old man, Mr. Gladstone (applause), who knows her better than any other citizen, has declared over and over again that she has been the prime benefactor of the Empire. The churches have grown strong, and increased in piety and power, and the Sabbath School has become an army of many, many millions. I repeat it, no nation has had such blessings as this nation of ours during the fifty years of Victoria's reign. Are not these reasons why we should celebrate her Jubilee with glad and grateful hearts? What is the secret of the hold which Her Majesty possesses over the hearts of her 300,000,000 subjects? It is this: that she has made for fifty years the royal palace-home which she adorns a model toward which the eyes of her subjects may look with admiration and respectful love. Living amid the fierce light which beats upon a throne, she has walked among her people every inch a queen, exhibiting everywhere a blamelessness of life, which has been a source of pride to every English heart, and which has shed its holy light upon ten thousand thousand British homes. She has always shown a hearty interest in her subjects, has always discharged her high official duties with fidelity and patience, and devotion to the public service. She has always rejoiced in the prosperity and sympathized in the sorrows of her people. She has been a true mother of all who mourn; and smitten ones, whether in the palace of the widowed French Empress, or in the White House where a Mrs. Lincoln or Mrs. Garfield mourned, or in the humblest

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