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THE CORONATION OF A KING has no longer the same meaning that was once attached to it. The pomp and display may impress the public with a sense of the grandeur of kingship, but can add little to the security of the monarch's position. And although he becomes for the moment the center of all attention, it is not by his appearance on one occasion that he will win the full affection of his subjects, but by kingly conduct in the course of his reign. The government of the Empire rests on the shoulders of the people's representatives; and the King's power resides not in any arbitrary rights he possesses, but is measured by the influence of his personality. While his functions as a ruler have been reduced to a small fraction of what they formerly were, yet if he has character and wisdom he may still be the leader of his people. And if the nation were to have a foolish King or a bad one he could still do a great amount of mischief. In fact, a thoroughly obnoxious sovereign would endanger the very continuance of the monarchy. The instinct of hero-worship will never die; but with the spread of ideas we are becoming more exacting in our choice of heroes. Uneasy lies the crowned head where there is nothing to attract loyalty beyond the halo of a hereditary glory.

The new King has been adding to his popularity by wise utterances and unostentatious actions ever since his accession. The