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KING GEORGE THE FIFTH.

The first official utterance of King George is altogether worthy. It is dignified and simple, revealing but not emphasizing his own personal sorrow, paying a just tribute to the memory of the late King in language of confident moderation, and announcing in modest and many fashion his own desire to follow the high example of his royal predecessor. This declaration says all that ought to be said and nothing more. It will be accepted as a genuine declaration of a patriotic prince, who is more conscious of the duty ahead than of the honor that has suddenly befallen him. In such a spirit his father and his father's mother came to the kingdom, and the nation will accept the declaration as signifying the beginning of a third reign which will reflect the greatest honor upon the present royal family and upon the British people.

It is easy to understand why the present King is less familiar to the public than his father was as Prince of Wales. The late ruler had the title nearly sixty years, while his son has been the next heir to the throne only nine years. King Edward, as Prince of Wales, performed a large share of the public and social functions which would have devolved upon the sovereign under ordinary circumstances. The sovereign of a woman and a widow, who for long periods preferred a life of comparative seclusion, and for many years before her death was unable to attend to the activities that the nation expects of royalty. No such necessity has brought King George before the people, and without the necessity there is no disposition on the part of any member of the British royal house to be conspicuous. They avoid spectacular performances as much as one of their European relatives loves them.

Yet George as Prince of Wales, has been a busy man. He has had his share of the activities in connection with public proceedings throughout the country. He has presided over a vast number of benevolent undertakings, is chairman of many funds and many charities, has laid corner stones and turned sods whenever his presence was required. He has maintained a historic social position, and kept in contact with the courts of other nations. Had he not been called to the throne, King George would now, or within a few days, have been on the way to South Africa to take part in the establishment of the Union, as he had nine years before opened the first parliament of the Australian Commonwealth. In that connection it may be noted that today, May 9th, is the ninth anniversary of that historic event.

It is well known that King George is thoroughly acquainted with political problems. He has trained himself for the high position that he expected some day to occupy. He has frequently been called upon to speak on non-party questions of a public character. It is known that he is an easy and forcible speaker, in this respect, at least, greatly excelling the late King.

In December 1901, Prince George was back in London, where he was welcomed at Guildhall by the Lord Mayor. This was the occasion when he spoke of his journey across Canada from ocean to ocean, "marvellous in its comfort and organization," in which "we were enabled to see something of its matchless scenery, the richness of its soil, the boundless possibilities of that vast, but partially explored territory." He spoke also of "the success which has crowned the efforts to weld into one community of peoples, its two great races."

It was in this speech that the following striking passage occurs:—"To the distinguished representatives of the commercial interests of the Empire, whom I have the pleasure of seeing here today, I venture to allude to the impression which seemed generally to prevail among their brethren across the seas, that the Old Country must wake up if she intends to maintain her old position of pre-eminence in her colonial trade against foreign competition."

This was a message not the less valuable because delivered by a prince, nor was it out of place for a royal visitor to recommend migration to the colonies, and to appeal in the strongest way, as he did, to "send only the best." "By this means," the Prince concluded, "we may still further strengthen, or at all events, pass on unimpaired, that pride of race, that unity of sentiment and purpose, that feeling of common loyalty and obligation which knit together and alone can maintain the integrity of our Empire."

THE ROYAL WIDOW.

The thought of millions goes out in these days to the widow at Buckingham Palace. There is little difference between the palace and the college when death beats at the door. Many a poor woman happy in her home, is thankful that she is spared the great sorrow that has come to the Queen.

The lecture in the church of St. Mary Magdalene at Sandringham bears this inscription: "To the glory of God, a thank offering for His mercy, 14th December, 1871. Alexandra. When I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord, and He heard me." This refers to the time when Edward, Prince of Wales, was brought near to death with fever.

Eight years before the beautiful princess had been welcomed to England with enthusiasm such as English people rarely show. Alexandra then began a conquest that was complete. The admiration of her beauty

and charm has grown into affection for qualities more permanent and substantial than beauty and grace. In many churches yesterday the speakers quoted from the Tennyson's dedication to "Idylls of the King," the tribute to Prince Albert, with the concluding address to his sorrowing widow, applying the words to King Edward and Alexandra:—

"May all love,
"His love, unseen but felt, o'ershadow Thee,
"The love of all Thy sons encompass Thee,
"The love of all Thy daughters cherish Thee,
"The love of all Thy people comfort Thee,
"Till God's love set Thee at his side again."

It will be hard to find anything more pathetic in literature than three letters at the close of the edition of Queen Victoria's correspondence, published two years ago by the authority of the late King, edited by Mr. A. C. Benson and Lord Esher.

These three volumes contain much material for history, but include many letters which are entirely personal and domestic. The last letter printed was written by the late Queen to Lord Canning. The latter then in India, had written to the Queen concerning the death of his wife, a great friend of Her Majesty. Before the letter reached England the Queen was a widow. "May God comfort and support Lord Canning and may he think in his sorrow of his widowed and broken-hearted sovereign—towed to the earth with the greatest of human sufferings and misfortunes," wrote the Queen, toward the close of her sympathetic letter. The other two letters following the death of the Prince Consort were written to her uncle, King Leopold of Belgium, with whom the late Queen carried on a correspondence from her childhood until his death. It is a little surprising that letters so intimate, giving expression to such agony, should have been given to the public even after nearly half a century. No such public record of Queen Alexandra's sorrow will ever appear, but it will be not the less understood.

CIVIC HOUSECLEANING.

Great success attended the civic house cleaning experiment of last week. No doubt there is much rubbish in yards, and around the premises of some St. John people, but there are a great many wagon loads less than a week ago. A surprising response was made to the request for teams, and those which were sent found a much needed work provided for them. The dumps were increased by a large quantity of material which is much better situated than where it was before.

This movement has led to useful and wholesome discussion. It is questioned whether the city corporation might not properly undertake to remove all garbage, not including ashes. This is done by some cities at public expense. Under such a system a board of health need have no hesitation in ordering any householder, however poor, to clean up his premises. It is not so easy to do so when the order imposes upon the resident the expense of hiring a team, or paying for transportation.

Another question which arises is that of the disposal of garbage. It is not surprising that some should object to the dumping of partially decayed vegetable and animal matter, with other various organic substances in dumps that are not far from people's houses. This is a question which will stand some investigation. Meanwhile there is great benefit in giving attention to civic cleanliness.

SIR WILFRID IN THE WEST.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is soon to start on a western tour. There is need of it. All the western provinces gave the Laurier government much stronger support some years ago than they do now. In the last election the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia broke completely away from the government party. There are ominous signs that the other two provinces will at the next opportunity follow their example. Sir Wilfrid's allies in Alberta have wrecked their provincial administration by practices somewhat similar to those which prevail at Ottawa. This exploiting of public funds seems to be unsatisfactory to a fair proportion of the official liberalism in the prairie country. The ministry has been obliged to allow an investigation which investigates.

The western people have an objection to the allotment of public land, timber, minerals, and other resources among politicians. They are getting free from the control of the government land agent, homestead inspector, and immigration official. It is becoming harder to manage that country politically by the official machine. Therefore Sir Wilfrid is invited to go and try to magnetize the western electorate by his personal presence and oratory. We shall see how the spell works.

OPPOSITION ENTHUSIASTIC, VIGOROUS AND RESOLUTE.

The mood of depression which settled upon the Opposition in the early part of the session has absolutely disappeared.

During the last few weeks particularly the Opposition has fought with great skill and vigor. Mr. Borden is strongly entrenched in the leadership.

There was something like an uprising of the Conservative party in the House and in the country over the suggestion that he should resign. He is supported now by all the enthusiasm and confidence which characterized the party during the last general election, and it must be remembered that two years ago the Government narrowly escaped defeat.

There is no doubt that the Opposition is as vigorous and as aggressive a fighting body as has sat to the left of the Speaker for many years. Certainly the Conservative party is in better condition than it has been since 1901, and, with steady, resolute, aggressive fighting in the House and in the country, there should be no doubt of the result of the next Federal contest.

All the signs show that the Ministerial party is breaking up. The dissident elements are becoming unmanageable. Not even the great persuasive powers of the Prime Minister can much longer hold in allegiance to the Government the sounder Liberal element throughout the country—Toronto News.

Many messages, interviews, and addresses concerning the late King have appeared in the press. Not one is more impressive, appropriate, eloquent or just than that of Mr. R. L. Borden, which was printed in The Standard on Saturday. It is a statement of not more than two hundred words, but is a worthy tribute to the greatest statesman of Europe from the greatest of Canadian statesmen.

THE COUNTRY IS SAFE.

It is a tribute to the stability of British institutions that the death of the King does not even suggest a constitutional disturbance. The stock market, as reflected in Europe and America gives no sign of panic or even of serious depression. A few days ago it was commonly said that all the King's great tact would be required to deal with the prospective situation. Another king has come having no experience in dealing with ministries. But it is not doubted that he will be equal to any occasion which may arise. It is probable that the Asquith administration will have great difficulties to face. It is not unlikely that Mr. Balfour has his own troubles before him. But there is little question that the King will perform his part of the coming transactions with perfect safety.

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Boston, May 6.—A blue rabbit, seen frisking through a hokey dell, need not frighten you into a notion that the cocktail of three weeks ago was one too many. The azure animal is probably only one of a Harvard litter for an alibi. Here is Professor Castle, famed as a prestidigitator of black and white guinea gips, exhibiting his newest triumph—a brood of bright blue bunnies. They surely do queer things at college these days.

Boston Common, New England's most famous potato patch, scene of recent sowing of oats, barley, rye and beans, will now and hereafter produce unwanted crops. It will appropriately be redolent of a literary output. Many a budding genius, of course has already written odes and articles on Boston Common—sitting, that is to say on a Common bench to economize on office or room rent. But it will be a new sensation to some of these writer folk to see their effusions printed in Boston Common. Yet that's not so impossible, you know, for Boston Common is the name of a weekly newspaper of which the first number has appeared—edited by that most discriminating and encouraging of Boston editors, continued good luck to him, Edward H. Clement, for many years in charge of the Transcript.

Besides much heralded visitors, such as a delegation of Japanese editors, Boston is entertaining in its midst an unobtrusive, modest young woman who has nevertheless been the title of the "most beautiful Indian girl living." She is a direct descendant of the Cherokee tribe which has always stood in the forefront of the Indian race for progressiveness and intelligence. Her name is Miss Bula Benton Edmondson of Maysville, Ark., until recently principal of the public schools in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Miss Edmondson's chief ambition is the education of her race and her presence in Boston is for the purpose of presenting her to the public. She recently gave a unique and highly entertaining recital of Indian history, legends and music, at Dr. Curry's school in the Copple Square, where she has been studying this winter, and has created quite a furore among the Hubbits who listened to her. A large audience greeted the young ladies, each of whom performed her numbers in a manner reflecting great credit upon their respective instructors.

Miss Purdy appeared first on the programme and rendered the beautiful sonata pathétique, by Beethoven in a distinctly musical manner. Her other numbers were equally well rendered. Miss Chapman is a charming reader and she was never heard to better advantage than this evening. Her first reading, "As the Moon Rose," was given in a truly artistic style. Miss Kaye also excelled this evening. She has a beautifully rich soprano voice of fine quality and a splendid range. She interpreted her songs this evening with excellent style and finish. Her numbers from Faust and Theodor's deserve especial mention.

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Song, Asra Anonymous
Piano, Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 3 Schubert
Polonaise, Op. 40, No. 1 Chopin
Songs, (a) Who is Sylvia, Schubert
(b) "Hark! Hark! The Lark." King
Reading The Transfiguration of Kingsley
Song, Sunshine Song Greig
Reading, The Great Fear Oppenheim
Recitation and Air, Angels Ever Handel
Bright and Fair Handel
(From Theodora).
Piano, Fugue, E minor Bach
Piano, Op. 18, No. 5, Morzowski
Air, Le Parlate d'Amor Gounod
(From Faust).
Reading, Aux Italiens Meredith
(Piano Accompaniment).
The Young Women's Christian Association and Mission Circle elected their officers for the ensuing year this week. The Y. W. C. A. officers are: President, Alice Strothard, Moncton, N. B.; Vice-president, Daisy Gass, Schubenacadie, N. S.; Second vice-president, Alice Oulton, Moncton, N. B.; Recording secretary, Mabel Leaman, Truro, N. S.; Treasurer, Maria Buffett, Newfoundland; Corresponding secretary, Blanche Glendenning, Digby, N. S.; Miss Ethel Bond, Halifax, N. S., was elected president of the Mission Circle.

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There will also be a memorial vice in St. Andrew's church on the same day when all the Presbyterian congregations in the city will and it is probable the moderate the Presbytery of St. John will side and the local pastors will vials. The congregations at all the vices yesterday were very large the deepest interest was manifested throughout. The sermons were ticularly impressive and special i was rendered in many of the churches adding greatly to the solemnity of the occasion.

ANGLICAN.

St. John's (Stone) Church. The service in St. John's (Stone) church yesterday morning was particularly impressive. The church appropriately draped and the was of an especial character. G. A. Kuhnig, the rector, in reference to the death of His Majesty said, "Under his beneficent rule, has realized as never before the intent to which she may aspire to any ideal of true self-government. Africa has come, where even highest flight of fancy never soared, into her inheritance of truth of body, mind and soul. The Boer has learned more of magnanimous victor, who not forgives and forgets, but whose thought was for his highest and best interests.

It is to his own kith and kin, ever, that the sorrow and the strike deepest. It was for the of our own Dominion that was re the warmer friendships, the e home ties. He was to us in a peculiar sense "Our Sovereign King Edward." With hearts of we sang of him God Save the Coming to the throne of the Empire the world has seen the nations awaited with an hearts and minds to learn the actor of his government. They seemed that secured in his which God had given him, there never be a time when they dare sume upon his kindness of heart while at the same time the power could always be relied as a factor in the advancement of human race without respect of n al or religious preference. He withdrew and left him and his pire in her splendid isolation. A that icy barrier of possibilities told every body that he had the human friendship, arousing olings of comradeship and baulk many long cherished hopes. With unassuming modesty he aside the title of Albert, in order his filial love might have room leave to his honored father "as associated with himself alone "The Good." He chose the name of Edward leaves us richer in our history and in self-polishing. Makes a pure and respect and love to our ury as "Edward the Peacemaker."

St. Mary's.

The service at St. Mary's of the church was a memorial. The church was effectively draped black and purple, and portraits of late King and Queen Alexandra, King George and his consort, and their children, Prince Edward, Princess Mary, were grouped the wall between the two entrances. At the close of the service, Rev. Dr. Raymond preached the March in Saul the congregation sing as a tribute of respect for the departed sovereign.

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