

in the direct line were represented:—the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and Prince Edward of York. Their ages were:—

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Prince Edward of York's birthday, it is interesting to note, was the day after the Jubilee celebration. He was born on June 23, 1894. It is more than probable, too, that some of the Queen's relatives other than her own direct descendants were represented in the Jubilee procession. There are something like 160 cousins and descendants of cousins of Her Majesty, and if they are counted with the Queen's own children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the number of the Royal Family is increased to not less than 230.

It would be a great task to trace how far the Queen is, through her children and grandchildren, represented in the reigning families of Europe. Probably there never was a time when the Royal family of England was more intimately linked than now with the reigning families of the world. The Queen's eldest daughter is the Dowager German Empress, and the Queen's grandson is the German Emperor to-day. The Queen's second son is now the reigning Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha. One of the Queen's granddaughters is now the Czarina of Russia, and it would be wearisome to enumerate all the alliances of the Queen's grandchildren with foreign Dukes and Princes. In considering the question of length of days, which enables Her Majesty to look upon so many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, it may not be out of place, perhaps, to note how few of the Sovereigns of England have lived to what would now be regarded as ripe old age. George III. died at 82. The Queen is 78. George II. died at 77, William IV. at 72, and Queen Elizabeth at 70. No other King or Queen

of England has lived to be 70 years old. Again, as to the reigns of Queens. Queen Mary reigned 5 years, Queen Elizabeth 44, and Queen Anne 12, making together 61 years, or, in all, only about a year more than the Queen has already reigned. Queen Elizabeth as already said, died at 70, Queen Anne at 49, and Queen Mary at 43.

CONCERNING WORK.

JOHN RUSKIN.

None of us, or very few of us, do either hard or soft work because we think we ought; but because we have chanced to fall into the way of it, and cannot help ourselves. Now, nobody does anything well that they cannot help doing; work is only done well when it is done with a will; and no man has a thoroughly sound will unless he knows he is doing what he should, and is in his place. And, depend upon it, work must be done at last, not in a disorderly, scrambling, doggish way, but in an orderly, soldierly, human way—a lawful way.

Men are enlisted for the labor that kills—the labor of war; they are counted, trained, fed, dressed and praised for that. Let them be enlisted also for the labor that feeds; let them be counted, trained, fed, dressed, and praised for that. Teach the plough exercise as carefully as you do the sword exercise, and let the officers of troops of life be held as much gentlemen as the officers of troops of death; and all is done; but neither this, nor any other right thing, can be accomplished—you can't even see your way to it—unless, first of all, both servant and master are resolved that, come what will of it, they will do each other justice.

People are perpetually squabbling about what will be best to do, or easiest to do, or advisablest to do, or profitablest to do; but they never, as far as I hear them talk, ever ask what it is just to do. And it is the law of heaven