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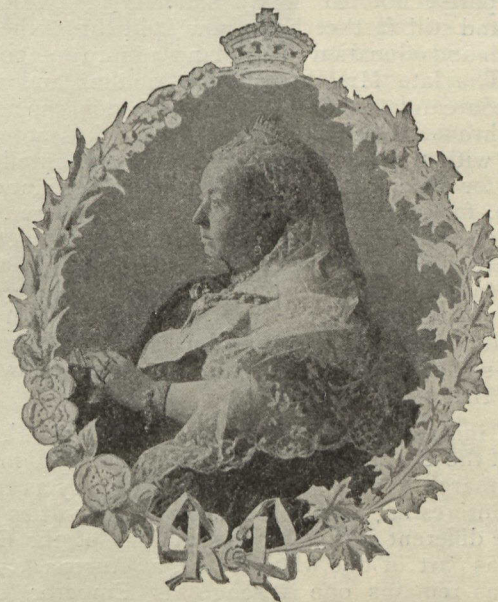
## THE QUEEN.

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The conventional tribute "of happy memory" which we have inherited from the "divus Augustus," etc., of the classics, for application to departed sovereigns, seems for once to express too little. Happy is her memory and happier yet will it be, when legend and myth shall have had more time to gather round it; nevertheless, even without legend and without myth, "happy" seems an

seeing no other face and name but this, in the images and superscriptions of the counting house, hearing no other toast but "the Queen" at their festivities. And yet we are all rejoicing too to think that the unseen powers in her case were not ironical; that they did not bless her reign with all its marvels of success only to take her away, as some feared would happen, on January 22nd, 1900, instead of January

THERE SHALL BE NO MORE DEATH, NEITHER SORROW, NOR CRYING, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE ANY MORE PAIN.—Rev. xxi, 4.



RE-UNITED.

inadequate word; less happy than the variant, usually suggestive of courtly exaggeration, "blessed"; Victoria "of blessed memory."

Among the little foibles of the Queen, we are told, she had a prejudice for the old faces, for the familiar friend; even in her foibles and prejudices she was at one with her people, and one of them. We are all missing now what had become to us as the old face of the familiar friend. Men and women have been born, have grown to manhood and to womanhood, have seen their children, their grandchildren even, about them, and then have died,

22nd, 1901; only to take her amidst the storms of bloodshed and of disaster, with the army of Natal even then climbing Spion Kop to greater bloodshed and yet worse disaster. What a stroke of irony would that have been! and how great is the consolation that the Queen lived to see the disasters crumpled up in victory.

Good women there are perhaps who feel discontented with the prerogatives of their sex; should they not rather console themselves with the reflection that the two greatest of British sovereigns have been women? That no king has ever been so idolized as Queen Victoria? That