

tion as a shot, to his prowess as a yachtsman, we need only refer as evidences of his many-sided character, and to which much of his personal popularity was owing.

Though never tried in war, albeit trained in both branches of the service, the King more than once gave evidence of that courage in the face of death which became his race and his lofty position, and at no time was his courage more nobly displayed than when in his last moments, knowing that his end was near, he calmly went on with his work till, when compelled at last to give up the struggle, he said with almost his latest breath, "It is all over, but I think I have done my duty."

The treaty with Japan, the friendly relations established with France, our hereditary foe, the good understanding brought about with Russia on many matters of common interest, and the constant endeavour to check the growing hostility to Germany, are among the events in the reign of the Peacemaker with which his name will be always associated. In the United States the King was always held in high esteem, and in no country has his death been more sincerely lamented, and his great qualities as a man and a ruler more truly appreciated.

Throughout the Empire, from the great dependencies in America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania, and from all the remote corners of the world, where one is constantly stumbling upon some unthought-of bit of British territory, has come a universal wail of grief at this sudden end of a glorious career, and the loss of one who was a personal friend of all his subjects.

At home, while for a moment the sounds of party strife have been hushed, it is keenly felt that when the contest is renewed how much will be missed that influence, always wisely employed, which might have done much to save from serious injury that constitution now so fiercely assailed; its value none more highly appreciated, its working by none better understood than by him who was its head. Nor did any one know better the temper of the British people nor discern more clearly the forces by which it would be governed. For guidance in these troublous times all