

~~can shout; and this evening, with hearty good will, GREAT IS VICTORIA, THE QUEEN!~~ But hearken a moment to me, and I will tell you of a queen whose royalty springs from a higher source, and whose fame will be measured by a longer term.— On her brow sits a crown whose lustre and whose worth redound to a bauble the diadem which nevertheless shines as a rainbow on Victoria's head,—it is the crown of righteousness that fadeth not away. Her person is adorned with costlier array than Victoria's royal robes, though laden with orient pearls and gold. She is clad with the robes of righteousness and the garments of salvation. And above them all there hangs the mantle of charity in spotless purity and feminine grace, brilliant in its beauty. An obsequious troop of graces and virtues continually surround her and attend on her pleasure, and whose earnest, devout and loyal homage so far transcend the blood and the obedience of her maids of honour. Health, before whose ruddy face and odorous breath dirt and disease, filth and fever, flee away. Beauty, whose plastic hand moulds into models of spiritual elegance the deformities and debasements which cross her path with her ethereal touch.— Intelligence and refinement, who open the blind eyes and the deaf ears, and unseal the mouth of the dumb and make the lips of the stammerer to speak plainly. Virtue dispensing its own rewards on earth with a liberal hand, and holiness pointing her finger to heaven and leading her way. Salvation, proclaiming the year of jubilee, peace on earth—good will to man. Such a queen is a Christian woman moving in her proper sphere, exerting her legitimate power. Their province is similar to that of the ministering spirits who are sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation, and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords owns them as his, and they shall be acknowledged in that day when he shall say, "I was sick and ye visited me, I was a stranger and ye took me in, I was naked and ye clothed me, come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."