

THE EMPIRE AND THE COLONIES.

THE GREATNESS AND GLORY OF THE EMPIRE—GROWTH OF
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ADA'S WONDERFUL PROGRESS—IMPREGNABILITY AND
FUTURE OF THE EMPIRE—JUBILEE SPEECH AT BOS-
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There are 40,000 Britishers, who are British in sympathy in Boston; some Englishmen, Irishmen and Scotchmen; but by far the largest portion coming from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Early in the year, the leading men of the 40,000 formed themselves into the Victorian Diamond Jubilee Festival Association, Mr. Thos T. Stokes being secretary, and the result was that on the 21st of June there was held in Boston such a festival as was never seen before in a foreign city. During the day there was an imposing procession, made up of those of the 40,000 who wished to march, of a large number of pensioners wearing clasps and medals headed by John Gillon, the sole survivor of Waterloo, carrying a banner on which was inscribed "Waterloo, 1815;" of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company who wished to join the procession to show their appreciation of the way they had been received in England and Canada; of marines and blue jackets from Her Majesty's ship "Pallas," which had come from Halifax to take part in the celebration; of

members of the Caledonian Society in the Scotch national dress headed by a piper; and of carriages of distinguished people. This procession, which excited great enthusiasm among the British onlookers, was followed in the evening by a banquet. The Boston Herald next morning said: "A magnificent and distinguished gathering voiced last night in Mechanics building the tribute alike of Boston and Massachusetts to the great and good woman who for the past sixty years has ruled over the people of Great Britain. The assembly had all the prestige of unprecedented numbers. The festival brought upwards of 2,600 persons to the tables in the great banquet hall and made a spectacle when the proceedings were at their height of a character very remarkable and impressive." From 6 o'clock until ten minutes to 7 in one of the large rooms adjoining the hall, Mr. Davin, who had come from Ottawa to reply to the toast of the Empire and the Colonies, and Mrs. Davin, held a levee, and the ladies and gentlemen hailing from Canada were entering the dining room presented to them. The great galleries around the hall were filled and thousands looked down on a