

Church of England, as ordered in the Prayer Book, began to be restored to use. The Church of England just then under the splendid spiritual Revival of what is called the "Oxford Movement," reminded men of the power of prayer and the duty of prayer for all in authority, and especially the Sovereign. Is it a mere coincidence, a mere accident, that we have seen these daily prayers answered, and that the Almighty Hearer of prayer granted the daily intercession of the Church, that "*in health and wealth she should long live, and vanquish and overcome all her enemies*" ? And can we doubt that when He before our eyes did so replenish our most gracious Sovereign with the grace of His Holy Spirit that She always inclined to His Will and walked in His Way, —in answer to the Church's daily supplication ;—can we doubt that now, when this earthly life has been ended, the final petition will receive its accomplishment, and that in the other life beyond the grave the fruits of those prayers may also be found in the "*attainment of everlasting joy and felicity*" ? To my mind for many a day, when with only the two or three gathered together in the Name of Christ —alas, that there should be so sadly few professing Churchmen and Churchwomen coming to join us—it has seemed, that, if in naught else, we have had an answer given us in the beautiful, pure, unselfish, womanly character of our Queen,—in that noble example for good that She was ever setting to all her subjects, especially to our women, the mothers of our children.

And now, when we are called on to repeat the same petitions for a new Monarch, may I not ask you, my Church of England Brethren, to learn a lesson from the the past ? Should your loyalty to the Throne end in