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**I**NSTEAD of the anxieties of the war crushing our aged Sovereign, as might have been expected, they appear to have rejuvenated her, endow-

ing her with a degree of physical endurance truly marvellous in one who has passed by eleven years the allotted span of life. The secret of it all is not hard to find. Sympathy for the suffering has ever been the characteristic of Victoria, and in these days when desolation has entered thousands of homes of her subjects the one desire apparently of her womanly heart is to show her people not only how she cherishes their loving loyalty to herself, but how heartfelt is her sorrow for those who have suffered in the cause of the Empire.

In furtherance of this desire Her Majesty has made repeated visits to the military hospitals where the wounded sufferers have been made happy by the

kindly, motherly word and floral souvenir bestowed on each by the Queen they have served so gallantly. Born in the same desire to make happiness for others, was the Queen's visit to Ireland, where she was received with true Irish enthusiasm and hospitality, despite the futile efforts of one or two political agitators to make the visit the occasion of a Home Rule demonstration. Irish chivalry, however, was not to be thrown out of its tra-



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HER VISIT TO THE HERBERT HOSPITAL AT WOOLWICH.

ditional course by political pressure, even in a cause so dear to the majority of Irishmen as Home Rule, and the