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THE GOOD SPIRIT OF THE QUEEN.

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THE reign of Victoria stands out prominent in the history of the world, and the drama of her life has not yet been finally played. The whole world has been brought nearer together by means of the scientific appliances which have attained perfection during her reign, utilizing electricity and steam; and the poorest subject of the Christian nations has the means of watching the daily progress of events in the world, which, in the nature of things, all tend to a definite end under divine guidance. The power, the influence, the moulding of that destiny rests with the venerated heads of the nations, among whom the Queen-Empress of the British Empire is peerless. The cast which has to be taken must be moulded by the nations.

To carry the memory back a few years, the cable news reminds us of a reception of royal personages by Her Majesty in her Highland fastness at Balmoral—the Czar, the Kaiser, and the Prince of Wales, with the Marquis of Salisbury; and the subsequent visit of the Prime Minister to M. Honataux in France, indicated a more than usually active plan of diplomatic action, the outcome of which time alone would develop. The important subsequent public events bearing upon that period are—the concert of nations during the Turco-Grecian imbroglio, the Czar's proposition for a peace conference, the Kaiser's visit to the Holy Land, and the subjugation of the Soudan by the Anglo-Egyptian forces. Incidents though they are in great national movements, their origin, if known, might be traced to the good spirit of the Queen. The royal heads of nations to-day are personally good in a Christian sense. They can impart their godness to the nations they rule over only by their example.

The movement making most directly in favor of peace (the germs of which might possibly, if all were known, be traced to the Queen's royal audiences referred to) is the Czar's manifesto calling for an international conference with a view to an agreement for general disarmament. The very fact that such a conference is to take place is an episode in the world's annals of the highest importance, and one which will undoubtedly be followed by momentous results. Peace may be said to be a thing of growth, not the result of sudden resolve. Human nature is stubborn, and has to be trained.

Many theoretical views of the world's destiny are advanced as the result of prophetic study. One, which has a practical ring, is the creation of an Inter-