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The Queen's Jubilee.

OVER an empire of unequalled and unprecedented vastness the Jubilee of good Queen Victoria is being joyously celebrated. Born in 1819, the Queen is sixty-eight years of age. She ascended the throne upon the death of William IV., on the 20th June, 1837. When in the dawn of that June morning, she was told by the Archbishop of Canterbury that she was QUEEN, her response was "I ask your prayers on my behalf." From that hour till this she has reigned as becomes a noble Christian woman. In every relation of life Queen Victoria has been a model woman; and her influence and example have been invariably on the side of right, truth, and charity. Queen Victoria was married in 1840. As a wife and mother her life was most exemplary. In December 1861 she became a widow—"Albert the Good" having been taken from her side. Two of her children have also died—Princess Alice and Prince Leopold. In bereavement and sorrow, the Queen ever manifested submission to the will of God. During Her Majesty's reign the growth of the churches and the progress of the Gospel have been very great. The whole world has been opened to the proclamation of the Word of God. Our readers will unite

with us in praying "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN! Long may she reign!"—We have much pleasure in presenting our readers this month with a Portrait of Her Majesty, which, from our own observation of last summer, we can testify to be a good likeness.

Editorial Correspondence.

NAPLES AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD.

WE are not yet done with the seven-hilled city, but, being on the wing, we cannot enter into any further details at present.

Leaving Rome at 8 a.m., we reached Naples—163 miles south—at 1.30 p.m. It is a delightful journey, through a valley expanding and contracting by turns, covered with mulberry orchards, olive and vineyards, and bounded by hills, beautiful in outline and coloured with those rich, mellow tints which only an Italian sky can impart. The towns and villages, mostly perched on the top of what seem to be inaccessible heights, are extremely picturesque. Here is *Velletri*, said to be the birth place of Augustus, the first Roman Emperor, with its grand old castle in ruins. Further on, *Monte Casino*, crowned with the vast monastery of the