

—THE great “public schools” of England are few in number, the best known of these being Eton, Harrow, Westminster, St. Paul’s, Charterhouse, and Rugby. These schools have from 300 to 1,000 boys each, and they fit them for the universities or for business life. The lowest age of admission is from 10 to 12 years, although connected with some of these are junior schools to which younger boys are admitted, but the pupils have very little in common with the main schools. The boys are generally cared for by the “cottage system.” Each house, which is in charge of one of the masters of the school, contains about 35 boys. The annual expenses vary from \$480 to \$800, which is materially lessened for the brightest boys by scholarships. These are obtained by competitive examination, and the holders are educated at the expense of the school except that they pay about \$100 each in annual fees.

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QUEEN VICTORIA.

[Our teachers will find the following article, taken from the *School Journal*, useful in speaking to the children about the fast approaching Jubilee celebration.]

Shortly before one o’clock, on the 22nd day of June, a little woman with gray hair and kindly blue eyes, who is less than five feet tall, yet is every inch the Queen, will halt in her carriage before St. Paul’s Cathedral and alight among the clergymen grouped about the door. As she enters the building a *Te Deum* will be sung by a choir of 500 voices from St. Paul’s, Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal, and St. George’s at Windsor. One collect will be read by the Bishop of London, and another by the Dean of St. Paul’s. The Archbishop of Canterbury will pronounce a benediction and the religious exercises in connection with the Queen’s Jubilee will be ended, the whole service occupying little more than twenty minutes.

This, however, will be but a beginning of the celebration. The festivities will extend from one side of the British realm to the other, even the colonies taking part. And, what does it all mean? Victoria Wettin will, on the 20th of June, have completed her sixtieth year as Queen of England. A longer reign than has been recorded for any other