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liking and preference, and for a short time had her way. But she became alive to the fact of the existence of the exigencies of party rule, recognized that in a free country they are paramount, and, aided by more light and experience, retired gracefully from a contention that was untenable. The discovery of her momentary error served as a warning throughout her reign, and as a result, no monarch has so constitutionally exercised the prerogatives of her office.

It is needless to here recapitulate the history of her sixty years of rule, for it is known to every intelligent reader, and will be told again and again, so long as time shall last. It is impossible however to cast an eye over its length, to see the enormous progress of her people, to witness the continuous and rapid extension of empire, to look upon the prodigious increase in the number and wealth of her subjects, and to survey the vast territory over which British rule, British language, British manners and customs, and British love of liberty have gradually found their way, during the three-quarters of a century through which she has intelligently lived, without a conviction that she has played a noble part in the good work, however unimportant some may affect to think it, and left her mark so indelibly printed upon her times that it will never be obliterated.

In this reign of sixty years, changes of more import than the civilized world ever experienced in similar interval, have become matters of history. To recapitulate them would be to tiresomely catalogue nearly every necessary of daily life beyond actual bread and meat. Food is more varied, dress is improved, locomotion has changed, religion has put on a new phase, medicine has passed a revolutionary stage, education is more

diffused if not more thorough, laws have been simplified and rectified, justice is more accessible, and intelligence has ceased to be the mark of a class. Amidst this time of change, the Queen of Great Britain, forbidden to initiate, and almost to suggest, has given her countenance to every good work she could possibly assist, and has been throughout her reign, in unison with whatever has tended to the advantage of her subjects. By example, if not otherwise, she has helped to make men and women better, for she has lived a pure and truthful life, frowned upon evil, extended a helping hand to the suffering, and sympathized with the afflicted. Well may her subjects everywhere join in the fervent petition: "God save the Queen."

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### HIS WAY.

A gentleman was visiting a Scotch lunatic asylum, where new premises were being added. The inmates were assisting. On seeing one of the latter wheeling a barrow upside down from the building to the stones, the visitor asked him why he wheeled it in that manner. "Oh," said the lunatic, "that's the best way." The visitor took the barrow, and, turning it upside down, said: "This is the proper way." "That's a' ye ken," said the inmate. "I tried it that way, but they filled it fu' o' bricks." So saying, he trotted on his usual way.

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