

man had come to be one of the chief unseen political forces of Europe ; and that, by reason of his personal honesty and disinterestedness no less than his clear vision as a statesman. His education of the young Princess for her high position is full of significance. In it we find the ideals which were placed before the mind of the Queen as a girl, and by loyalty to which she has shed a lustre on her nation. His creed for royalty was a very simple one, and contained practically only two articles of faith :—first, that in a constitutional monarchy the throne must be a power above party ; and secondly, that the destiny of nations is determined by moral causes. This has always been the Queen's Confession of Faith. By her fidelity to the first article she has been a wise and just ruler ; in recognition of the second she has been a good woman.

1. It was not an easy lesson for the somewhat wilful maiden to learn that she was to represent a power quite remote from party. But her prophet-teacher had dreamed of a constitutional monarchy in which democracy should be harmonized with the throne ; and he inspired his pupil with his ideal. That best of all teachers, experience, reminded her with greater severity of her duty as a sovereign ; and it was not long before she laid aside all her prejudices and self-will, and abandoned herself unreservedly to this ideal of government. Her reign has many examples of how she readily sacrificed her own views in giving sanction to the expressed will of her subjects. Nothing has had a greater influence in making popular with her people the form of government under which we live than the fact that the