

of the district known as the Punjaub. A war of an expensive and harassing character was also carried on for several years against the Caffres in South Africa; but this, as well as a short conflict with the Burmese, was happily brought to a close.

8. The discovery of immense amounts of gold in California and Australia have, so far, had a most beneficial effect on the social position and comforts of the labouring population of the United Kingdom. In fact their condition has for some years been gradually improving to an extent which must be highly gratifying to the lovers of their species in every country. The attention of statesmen and philanthropists has been much directed to this object of late, and it will probably be the circumstance which will give its character to the present reign. The rule of female sovereigns has generally proved propitious to England, and that of the present queen is not likely to be an exception. Possessing many of the best qualities of Elizabeth and Anne, without their faults, she is as much beloved as she is esteemed by the nation. As a woman her private life is without reproach; and as a sovereign she is admired for her adherence to the principles and practice of constitutional government.

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*Questions on Chapter Sixteenth.*

1. By whom was William the Fourth succeeded? What was her age? Why does this book give only a short sketch of the leading incidents of the Queen's reign? In what year was the Queen married, and to whom?
2. In what years did the outbreaks in Canada take place? What important results followed these? What was the year