

Canadian National Anthem.

Canada, Canada, pride of the North!
Thrice honoured Canada, gem of the Earth!

Freemen and Brothers, we
Pledge heart and hand to thee,
Canada, Canada, land of our birth!

God of all power and grace, smile on our land;
Pour thou upon her the gifts of thy hand;

Long may her people be
Loyal and brave and free,
And for the right and thee valiantly stand.

Be our defence in each threatening hour,
Shield us from pestilence, famine, and war;

Treason confound, and when
Justly we strive with men,
God of our fathers, then for us declare!

Give to each tolling hand constant increase;
Rich be our land with the fruitage of peace;

Send us good laws, and bless
Pulpit and school and press,
That truth and righteousness may never cease.

Long may thy glory on Britain be seen,
Long live Victoria, Britain's great Queen.
"Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us, God save the Queen!"

HOMAGE TO THE QUEEN.

In The Forum for February, Sir Edwin Arnold writes an excellent article on "Victoria, Queen and Empress," in which he rapidly sketches some of the marvelous results which have been achieved under the reign of our great Queen. He says:

"The heart of gold, the will of iron, the royal temper of steel, the pride, the patriotism, and the deep piety of Victoria have been enshrined in a small but vigorous frame, the mignonette aspect of which especially strikes those who behold her for the first time in these her 'chair-days.' It was reported how, when Prince Albert was dying, he roused himself from a period of wandering to turn with ineffable love to his spouse and sovereign, saying to her, with a kiss, 'Good little wife!' And when the Prince Consort was actually passing away, after those twenty-one years of wedded happiness, it was told how the Queen bent over him and whispered, 'It is your little wife,' at which last words the Angel of Death stayed his hand while once again the dear eyes opened and the dying lips smiled. But though this be so, no one who has been honoured by near approach to her Majesty, or has ever tarried in her presence, will fail to testify to the extreme majesty of her bearing, mingled always with the most perfect grace and gentleness. Her voice has, moreover, always been pleasant and musical to hear, and is so now. The hand which holds the sceptre of the seas is the softest that can be touched; the eyes which have grown dim with labours of state for England, and with too frequent tears, are the kindest that can be seen."

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Buckingham Palace, the London residence of Queen Victoria, faces the west end of St. James' Park. It was built by George IV. and consists of a quadrangular range of buildings. The eastern front, shown in the engraving, is loftier than the rest, and gives to the whole a very palatial appearance. This palace contains an immense picture gallery, in which are some famous paintings. The Queen resides there several months every year, though her favourite residence is Osborne House in the Isle of Wight.

Hans had climbed to into the cherry-tree to gather cherries. Meantime a storm came on, and the father called out to the lad: "Come down, Hans; it is beginning to thunder."
"There's no need, father," shouted the boy; "I can hear it where I am."



THE QUEEN AT HER CORONATION.

A LETTER OF THE QUEEN'S.

Windsor Castle, Oct. 15, 1839.

"My Dearest Uncle,—This letter will, I am sure, give you pleasure, for you have always shown and taken so warm an interest in all that concerns me. My mind is quite made up, and I told Albert this morning of it. The warm affection he showed me gave me much pleasure. He seems perfect, and I think I have the prospect of very great happiness before me. I love him more than I can say, and shall do everything in my power to render this sacrifice (for such in my opinion it is), as small as I can. He seems to have great tact, a very necessary thing in his position. These last few days have passed like a dream to me, and I am so much bewildered by it all that I know hardly how to write; but I do feel very happy. . . . Lord Melbourne has acted in this business, as he has always done toward me, with the greatest kindness and affection. We also think it better, and Albert quite approves of it, that we should be married very

soon after Parliament meets, about the beginning of February.

"Ever, dearest uncle, your devoted niece,
"V. R."
—From Mr Castell Hopkins' "Life and Reign of Queen Victoria."

LESSON NOTES.**SECOND QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON IX.—MAY 30.

CHRISTIAN FAITH LEADS TO GOOD WORKS.

James 2. 14-23. Memory verses, 14-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will show thee my faith by my works.—James 2. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. A False Faith, v. 14-20.
2. A True Faith, v. 21-23.

Time.—Written probably in A.D. 44 or 45.

Place.—Written from Jerusalem.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Christian faith and good works.—James 2. 14-23.
Tu. Hearing and doing.—James 1. 19-27.
W. Abraham's obedience.—Heb. 11. 13-19.
Th. Known by its fruits.—Matt. 7. 15-23.
F. Meet for use.—2 Tim. 2. 14-21.
S. Good and profitable.—Titus 3. 1-8.
Su. Called to virtue.—2 Peter 1. 1-11.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. A False Faith, v. 14-20.
What questions are asked in verse 14?
What is the meaning of works?
What is said of faith and works in Eph. 2. 8-10?
What illustration is given in verse 15?
When is faith dead?
Can there be true faith without works?
What does Christ say in Matt. 7. 20?
How may a true faith be shown?
To what degree may even devils believe?
Did evil spirits ever bear witness to Christ? Matt. 8. 28, 29.
Was theirs a true faith?
To what will living faith lead us?
2. A True Faith, v. 21-23.
How did Abraham show his faith?
What led Abraham to offer up his son?
Feb. 11. 17.
What promise did he receive? Gen. 22. 16, 17.
How was his faith made perfect?
What name was given to Abraham?
And why?
How may we be friends of Christ?
John 15. 14.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we taught—
1. That faith without works is useless?
2. That works are of value only as fruits of faith?

THE QUEEN'S FAMILY NAME.

A friend the other day asked me if I knew Queen Victoria's family name. I thought a moment, and answered, "Why, Guelph, of course." "Oh, no," answered my friend, "not at all. While the members of Queen Victoria's family are of Guelph descent, her Majesty's marriage with Prince Albert would give her his surname, as is usual in such cases. And what was the family name of the Prince Consort?" I had to confess that I did not know. "Well," said my friend, "you are excusable for not knowing, I suppose, since only a short time ago the same question was asked at a dinner party in London attended by a number of personages of rank, some of whom were very near royalty, and not a soul of them could answer it, except the propounder of the question. The name in question is Wettin, and the Dominion of Saxony came to this family in 1420. Therefore, without her crown and kingdom, Queen Victoria would be simply Mrs. Wettin."

Diamond Jubilee.

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