

But though we dismiss as untenable the theory of the Divine right of Kings, we cannot forget that, though the autocratic powers of Kings have in process of time grown less and less, their moral influence for weal or woe was perhaps never greater than at the present time. Kings and Queens nowadays live in the full glare of a publicity unknown to their predecessors and they can no longer, even if they would, live regardless of public opinion, nor can they fail to realize that they possess an opportunity of exercising an ethical force of incalculable value to their people. We have reason to hope and believe that in the present occupants of the throne of England we have a King and Queen whose constant aim will be the moral welfare of their people, and who are permeated with the consciousness that one duty they owe them is to set them an example of virtuous and godly living. Therefore, we say, God save our King and Queen.

The message of the King to his people since the Coronation seems to give assurance that the hopes and expectations above expressed will be realized. We gladly reproduce his appropriate and thoughtful words:—

“To My People:—Now that the Coronation and its attendant ceremonies are over, I desire to assure the people of the British Empire of my grateful sense that their hearts have been with me through it all. I feel this in the beautiful and impressive service in the Abbey, the most solemn experience of my life, and scarce'y less in the stirring scenes of the succeeding days, when my people have signified their recognition and their heartfelt welcome of me as their Sovereign, for this has been apparent not only in the loyal enthusiasm shewn in our passage to and from Westminster, and in the progresses which we have made in the different districts of London, but also in the thousands of messages of goodwill which have come to me across the seas from every part of the Empire. Such affectionate demonstrations have profoundly touched me and have filled me afresh with faith and confidence. Believing that this generous, outspoken sympathy with the Queen and myself is, under God, our surest source of strength, I am encouraged to go forward with renewed