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Editorial Notes

The Coronation.

THIS being the month that will witness the coronation of King Edward VII., we must offer on behalf of our boys and girls, as loyal subjects of Great Britain, our respectful duty and homage to our Gracious Sovereign. May God save the King, and may he long be spared to bear reign over the mighty Empire of which he now assumes the sceptre, and may he maintain untarnished and unshaken the high honour, the dignity and the stability of the throne of England.



A Call to Praise.

FEASTINGS, rejoicings, holiday-makings and revellings will, of course, be the order of the day in all parts of the Empire. In Canada we shall doubtless have our full share of these festivities, and the loyalty of the people will display itself in the usual way with bunting, processions, banquetings and speech-makings. We hope our boys and girls will thoroughly enjoy themselves on Coronation Day, but we must add also our hope that it will be more to them than an occasion for eating and drinking and sight-seeing. It seems to us that the stately pageant at Westminster and the smaller functions in different parts of the Empire, upon which such enormous sums of money will be expended and for which such vast preparations are

being made, will be meaningless and futile unless they produce a stirring of feeling and an awakening of public spirit that will not pass away with the next day's weariness and headache or the reckonings of gains and losses. We hope that there will be an intelligent rejoicing over the blessings of civil and religious freedom, of law and order, of liberty without license, of security for life and property, of impartial administration of justice, of the generous facilities for education, both in the elementary and higher branches, that we enjoy under the British Constitution of which the Crown is the golden symbol. Our attitude need not be that of thanking God that we are not as other men are, but we should surely mingle with the coronation rejoicings the expression of our gratitude and praise to the Ruler of princes and Lord of lords for the rich national blessings that have been vouchsafed to us in our system of government, our laws, our public institutions, and the character of our statesmen and rulers. Throughout the British Empire we are neither oppressed by the arrogance of our nobility, harassed by the intolerance of the priesthood, or terrorized by the violence of the mob. We can serve God according to our conscience, we enjoy a fair field for our industry and enterprise, there are practically no restraints or restrictions