

**“Thus saith the Lord God, Remove the diadem
and take off the Crown.”**

Ezekiel xxi. 26.

IT is not easy in a few words to express all that is in one's heart to-day. And yet, so much has been said, and so well said, by all our public men,—men eminent as Divines and Legislators, Judges and Statesmen, high officials and national representatives; by great men of various races in all quarters of the world, as well from all quarters of our own world-wide British Empire, that I feel that only these few words are necessary.

Brethren, I am sure that we all have a strange sensation that a *great change* has come over us since last Sunday. We are keenly sensible that this change—a mysterious but real change—is to-day affecting our lives, all our surroundings, our homes, our country. Do we not feel to-day that the world is not the same world to us that it was a week ago:—that since last Sunday something has happened that has broken in upon all our domestic and social affairs, our conversations, our dealings with one another, as well as on the whole of the character of what we call our Empire; and that the future for us on earth—for all of us at least who have grown old during the last half century—the future for