

until 1796 and the events that occurred there during the war of the Revolution form a distinct period of deep romantic interest. Then came the memorable settlement of Niagara by the United Empire Loyalists, who left the old colonies to live under the British flag, by whom the town of Niagara was again founded in 1783. The history of the town, which in 1792 received the name of Newark from Governor Simcoe, is of great interest to the whole Province as the seat of government and legislation for some years, and the principal place for commerce in Upper Canada. The war of 1812 led to its utter destruction. It was burnt down by the enemy on their flight from the frontier in December, 1813. Its rebuilding after the war, under its restored name of Niagara, and the many subsequent events which have occurred here, are subjects of much interest."

I have more than once spoken of Niagara, and of one thing in particular in connection which deserves attention—the *erection of a memorial to mark the landing place of U. E. Loyalists in 1783*. Such memorial would be significant, just as when Samuel, the prophet of old, "took a stone and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'"—I Samuel 7 : 12.

There are times and seasons when we ought to take a retrospective view of Providential dealings in order that fervent gratitude may be stirred up towards Him who directs and controls the issues of human life, as seems best in His sight.

THE GREAT REIGN.

This year of 1897 will be always regarded as the *annus mirabilis* in British history, the 60th year of Queen Victoria's reign. Under God's providence it has been long and happy, glorious and prosperous. With fitting enthusiasm it will be celebrated in all parts of the Empire. Congratulations will, we are quite sure, be heartily given by other countries and sent to Windsor Castle, and by none more readily, we believe, than by the people of the great American Republic; they at least will bear a cordial testimony to the integrity, piety and purity of Britain's Queen. Her people of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and all her colonies and dependencies, with one consent bear a joyful testimony to a reign so long and beneficent. Britain's colonial administration is a marvel, her colonizing power is always successful. India is marvellously ruled. The recovery of Egypt under British rule is almost without precedent in the world's fiscal history. Her flag has benefited the people wherever it floats; it has brought Christianity, civilization, order and justice and prosperity with it.

Is it not then something to be able to say that in the week of commemoration, beginning on the 20th of June next, 360 millions of British subjects and millions of people of other nations can exclaim with perfect sincerity and honest enthusiasm, "God Save the Queen?"