

OUR BELOVED QUEEN.

Sixty years ago, the twentieth day of this month of June, Victoria was made Queen. For sixty years she has reigned wisely and well, and all around the world "Diamond Jubilee" will this month be celebrated.

The Children's Record joins heartily with its readers in

God save the Queen,

and as is fitting gives first place to her picture.

What changes these years have seen! She then was young, not nineteen, now nearly eighty years.

But we like to think of her as in her prime and so we keep her picture young, and hope that for many years she may live and reign.

What other changes there have been? The men and women that were at first her helpers have all since passed away. The little boys and girls then ten, are now old men and women of three score years and ten; while most of the hundreds of millions around the world who call her queen have been born since she began to reign.

How much of good has been done in her reign. At its beginning little was done for missions. Much of the world was in darkness and sin. Mission Bands were unknown. Now every Christian land is sending missionaries to the heathen, and to nearly every heathen land have missionaries gone.

But grand as it is to belong to Britain, to call Victoria our Queen, there is one grander thing; to call Jesus our King; to belong to His Kingdom.

Great as is Britain in numbers and in power, her greatest glory is that she is in so great a measure a Christian nation; and the greatest glory of our Queen, that she is a subject of Jesus Christ.

Britain will rule but part of the world. The Kingdom of Christ shall be over all.

Britain's Empire shall some time come to an end; Christ's Kingdom never.

Let our boys and girls be true to Christ and His Kingdom and thus will they best be loyal to Britain and her Queen.

THE CORONATION CHAIR.

Look at the old oaken chair on next page. See that large rough stone just under the seat. No chair and no stone in the world are so interesting just now as these, for in this chair, with this stone under it, sat young Victoria, sixty years ago, to be crowned as Britain's Queen.

But the old chair and stone have a much greater interest than that.

The chair is one in which kings and queens, for centuries past, have been crowned.

The old stone is one on which the Old Scottish Kings used to be crowned; and it was taken to England when England and Scotland were united, long ago.

But there is a funny story about the stone that goes much further back than English or Scottish history. It is said to be the stone that Jacob used for a pillow, and that it was brought to Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah, and thence taken to Scotland, and used there as a coronation seat when their Kings were crowned.

This is a very foolish old story. But the stone does not need it to add interest to its history.

The chair, with the stone under it, is kept in Westminster Abbey, London, where some of you may some day see it.

While it is safely kept and highly prized, may it be a some time yet before it has to be used for another coronation.

We have been reading the account of a young Hindoo convert whose mother holds him back from baptism. Whenever he goes to church she works herself up into a hysterical fit of screaming, until she can be heard for squares away.