

A Continuous Jubilee Service * Around the World.

Ever there was one subject which became practically the all-absorbing theme of conversation in every portion of the wide world, and which, to a greater or less extent, aroused and sustained the keen interest of the peoples of a score of countries, for weeks at a stretch, that subject surely is the Jubilee celebration, which will be fairly upon us by the time this reaches many of our readers. Not only in the British territory, which covers more than a fifth of the entire surface of the earth, but in other lands as well, are preparations being made to give expression to the deep regard, the admiration and esteem, ay, the devotion, loyalty and love in which our noble Empress Queen is held everywhere, and by none more sincerely than by our Boys and Girls.

The British people are pre-eminently a philanthropic people. No nation has done as much for the advancement of Christianity at home and abroad, and no people has expended lives, money and time so lavishly to ameliorate the condition of and upraise those whose circumstances have been less happy than their own. Moreover, they are a religious people, giving abundant evidence of Faith as well as Works, and in the matter of personal belief and individual observance of the rites of their churches, no people, be their particular sect what it may, can lay claim to greater devotion or more consistent devoutness.

This being so, what more appropriate than that special religious services should mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, and particularly as that day falls on a Sunday—June 20th? Of course every church, every chapel, every meeting house, indeed, every family within the Empire will that day, around the altar, remember in prayer and thanksgiving the event that day commemorates, but these individual services will lack connection and continuity. Good and well adapted as they are for the immediate purpose for which they are intended, they need to be supplemented and rounded off by a universal service which would embrace all, a service which would be to those we have referred to as the cathedral service is to each individual worshipper, binding him with every other individual worshipper in the united tribute of adoration and devotion.

Desirable and appropriate as such a service might be, it would at first sight appear impossible to arrange for so gigantic an undertaking as a service which, starting at a given hour in the far away Southern Pacific, would follow the sun in his journey westward, until having crossed Asia, Africa, Europe and the turbulent Atlantic, it would reach our shores, sweep across the broad Dominion and finally be wafted over the waters of the trackless Pacific to the starting point. Truly a scheme to attract by its novelty and charm, by its uniqueness, but alas, to discourage by its apparent impracticability. Ah, but where there's a will there's a way, and the ingenuity and wit of an Englishman has devised the way. A plan has been suggested by Mr. Barlow Cumberland, Supreme Grand President of the Sons of England Benefit Society and by him elaborated with the assistance of the officials of the Meteorological Department of Canada, which will enable the subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty to join hearts and voices on the afternoon of Sunday, June 20th, in one continuous, unbroken melody, lasting for twenty-four hours,

and moving steadily westward during that whole period, until when it again arrives at the starting point it will have covered the girdle of the globe, a distance of very many thousands of miles. In scores of cities, towns and villages, church parades are being organized and will be so timed that at the hour of 4 o'clock (sun time) the National Anthem will be sung and the prayers for the Queen said from the Anglican accession service.

The scheme has been received throughout the Dominion with marked favour, and enquiries have been steadily coming in from all hands asking for copies of the official time table and other information in respect thereto. People everywhere are entering into the matter with enthusiasm, and arrangements for the parade and service are well advanced in a hundred different centres. The press has extensively noticed the project and lent its powerful influence to make it widely known—all the Toronto papers have referred to it, and both the *Mail-Empire* and *Globe* have published the official time table, the latter paper remarking that there was little doubt that millions of British subjects would join in this glorious circle of prayer and thanksgiving. Copies of the time table and other information have been sent to all the colonies and dependencies of the Empire and to the captains of all British vessels that will be at sea on Accession day. Mr. Cumberland communicated with Lord Aberdeen to ask that the scheme might be brought to the attention of Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales, and received the following reply:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 23rd April, 1897.

DEAR SIR.—I am desired by His Excellency the Governor General, to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., with reference to a continuous service round the world on the 20th June.

His Excellency will have pleasure in taking the requisite steps in accordance with your suggestion towards bringing the scheme under the notice of Her Majesty the Queen and H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID ERSKINE,
Governor-General's Secretary.

Barlow Cumberland, Esq.

Many Sunday Schools are intending to assemble the children at the close of the afternoon school, and sing the National Anthem and Hymns at the appointed time. Applications are coming in from Masonic, fraternal and other societies of all kinds for the order of service, that they may join in the celebration.

While the scheme originated in, and has been actively promulgated by, the Order of the Sons of England, they do not seek exclusive enjoyment thereof, but, on the contrary, most cordially invite the co-operation of all true Britishers, all loyal subjects of the Queen, all men everywhere whose hearts are stirred with kindly feeling to our beloved and revered Sovereign, to join in this magnificent paean of praise, and, as the *Globe* says, there will be millions participating therein. In all those millions—the subjects of the Empire alone numbering 402,514,000, more than a quarter of the earth's population—none are more enthusiastically loyal than our Boys and Girls. They are scattered far and wide throughout a large section of the Dominion, and hundreds would be glad to join this world-embracing circle. For the information

of these and all other of our readers who may be interested—and who is not?—we publish the official time-table prepared by the Government Meteorological Department. It will be seen that the service will start in the Fiji Islands at an hour which will be equivalent to our eleven o'clock on Saturday night in the city of Toronto. From that hour, minute by minute and hour by hour, the song and prayer will steadily approach us until, having crossed New Zealand, the Australian Colonies, the Straits Settlement, India, Mauritius, Arabia, Egypt, South Africa, West Africa and the Atlantic, it reaches Newfoundland just as the Girls in Central Ontario are washing up the dinner dishes and the Boys in Manitoba are coming out of church. On it will come until, at the hour given in the first column of the subjoined table, the circle will reach each locality mentioned and will there be taken up and passed on to the next point west.

We believe that every reader of UPS AND DOWNS will want to join in. If nothing is being done in your locality, take the matter in hand yourselves. Show this to your minister, to your Sunday school superintendent, and ask him to take hold of the service and join the sacred circle. If you will be far away from church or school, get your master and mistress and others in the household to join in singing "God Save Our Gracious Queen," and if these fail, then have a service by yourself, sing the glorious old hymn in your heart if you have no voice, and offer up a prayer to the King of kings that He will continue to watch over and protect our Empress Queen, and that He will guard, guide and govern her Empire in the future as He has done in the ages that are past.

Here is the time table. The first column gives the clock time when the anthem should be sung, and the last column will enable you to see just what time it is at Windsor Castle. A little calculation will tell just where the anthem is being sung at any hour during that memorable Sunday.

THE TIME TABLE.

DAY COMMENCES AT LONG: 180.	Local or Stan'd. Time, when the National Anthem is to be sung.	Time at the Heart of the Empire—Windsor Castle
	P.M., 20th.	A.M., 20th.
FIJI ISLANDS	4.00	4.05
NEW ZEALAND.		
Auckland	4.00	4.21
AUSTRALIA.		
Sydney	3.55	5.55
Hobart	4.11	6.11
Melbourne	4.20	6.20
Adelaide	3.46	6.46
Perth	4.16	8.16
STRAITS SETTLEMENT.		
Singapore	4.00	9.05
INDIA.		
Calcutta	"	10.07
Madras	"	10.39
Colombo	"	10.41
Bombay	"	11.09
MAURITIUS.		P.M.
St. Louis	"	12.10
ARABIA.		
Aden	"	1.00
EGYPT.		
Cairo	"	1.55
SOUTH AFRICA.		
Durban (Port Natal)....	"	1.56
East London	"	2.08
King William's Town...	"	2.11
Graham's Town	"	2.14
Port Elizabeth	"	2.18
Uitenage	"	2.19
Cape Town	"	2.46
MEDITERRANEAN SEA.		
Malta	"	3.02
SPAIN.		
Gibraltar	"	4.21
WEST AFRICA.		
St. Helena	"	4.23
Sierra Leone	"	4.53
Ascension	"	4.58

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