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KING EDWARD'S FUNERAL.

TO-DAY with great and fitting pomp and pageant; but with little of theatrical display, the body of the great King, is being laid to rest. Never were funeral obsequies so nearly universal. Never was there so great an assembling of the Captains and the Kings of earth, as to-day in England. Never were so many millions, so widely scattered bowing the knee in prayer for a life to come, or in thankfulness for a life that has passed. For a brief time, "all the weary wheels stand still"; and the noise of commerce, of transportation, of all industry, gives place to the roar of cannon and the roll of muffled drum all round the world. The spectacle is unequalled in history.

In Canada the public mourning is as general and as decorous as in England itself. Funeral services in the churches, and military pageants are the order of the day. The banks and the exchanges, the factories, stores and offices are closed. For a brief period even the trains on our great railways, like the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk, come to a standstill, while the King is lowered to his rest. The widespread honors are no more than are justly due to the memory of a great King and a great man. The case is well summed up by the most virile of modern poets, Rudyard Kipling in his tribute to "The Dead King."

We accepted his toil as our right; none spared, none excused him.
When he was bowed by his burden his rest was refused him.
We troubled his age with our weakness, the blacker our shame.
When he heard that his people had need of him, straightway he came
To us. As he received so he gave, nothing grudged, naught denying.
Not e'en the last gasp of his breath when he strove for us, dying.
For our sakes without question he put from him all that he cherished.
Simply as any that served him he served, and he perished.
All that kings covet was his, and he flung it aside for us.

Simply as any that died in his service he died for us.

That is the grand ideal for all Kings and for all leaders of men; to ask no more from their subjects or their followers than they are prepared to do themselves.

ALL hearts in Canada as throughout the Empire, as indeed throughout the world, have gone out in sympathy to His Majesty the King, in his most severe affliction and trying position.

The British people have learned in recent years to have almost unlimited confidence in their sovereigns, and their sovereigns have shown practically unlimited confidence in the people. The new King has two great examples up to which to live and he has the advantages of his blood and of his training. He will have the prayers and the loyal support of more devoted subjects than ever mortal monarch before reigned over. Above the national lament "The King is dead" is heard the clamor of many nations.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

HALLEY'S COMET. **T**O the superstitious and even to those who are not ordinarily superstitious, the coincidence of the re-appearance of Halley's Comet with the death of King Edward, will tend to strengthen the popular idea that comets are harbingers of woe. It must be admitted that nearly all the great wars, have been preceded shortly by the appearance of comets.

There is, however, a natural explanation which tends to deprive the coincidence of significance. Great wars happen about every three years; great woes many times in every year. Comets turn up at the rate of about three per annum. Under these circumstances it is hard for a comet to put in an appearance at any time without being held responsible for some impending disasters.