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a half-crownation. If ever there could be any occasion where, for harmony's sake—even if for no other reason—precedent should prevail, the coronation ceremony of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra has been that occasion. It would be well to take a few backward glances and try to learn the historical significance of each detail in connection therewith.AMPLE opportunity for doing this will assuredly be afforded every loyal British subject the wide world over, for of the writing of such books there will now be no end. Meanwhile, let us gather up a few stray threads for the readers of our Home Department to weave into the whole fabric of the completed story when it reaches Canada from the pens and lips of those who have been fortunate enough to be eye-witnesses of the great event. Their records will probably come in somewhat piecemeal fashion, one noticing what another wholly overlooks, and vice versa. Our Mollie, too, will have something to tell us, for



ARCHBISHOP OF YORK,  
Who crowned the Queen.

It is pleasant to read in the columns of an American magazine, which gives its subscribers some beautiful illustrations of Westminster Abbey and other historic spots connected with the



Perhaps never before has it fallen to the lot of any king or queen of England that their day of coronation should occur during a season of special national thanksgiving, when the gracious answer to their own prayers and to the prayers of their people, "Give peace in our time,



And so let the  
voices of the people of  
our Dominion hence-  
forth join with those of  
our fellow subjects from  
Britain over the seas,  
that it may be granted  
to King Edward our  
King, and to Alexan-  
dra his sweet consort,  
each to bear, through  
a long tale of years,  
a stainless sceptre and  
to wear a spotless  
crown.

It would take a volume to describe Westminster Abbey, with "its close and vital connection of nearly nine centuries with the throne of England. Throughout all those long years one Sovereign after another has within those sacred walls, received the benediction of the Primate of the Church of England, been 'hallowed' with the same

unction, and been crowned with England's diadem as all his fathers have been before him." The Abbey church was built by Edward the Confessor, and was literally the joy of his heart, but at the very moment of its solemn consecration, Dec. 28th, 1065, he who for twenty years had watched its building was stricken unto death, and in one fortnight more his body was laid to rest before the high altar which he had himself erected. Behind this altar, enclosed by eight noble pillars, is Edward the Confessor's chapel, where the historic coronation chair and its consort are kept except on the great occasion when they are in use. It is to this chapel that the King and Queen retired after they had been crowned, for the purpose of disposing of the various sacred

