

If one man is ten times cleverer than another, God made him so, not himself. And if England has distanced all competitors in the race for preeminence, God has given her the disposition and qualities by which she has been enabled to do so. And history, universal history, teaches nothing more unmistakeable than this, that her greatness is only safe from decline as her virtues are clear from corruption,—she is free to perish at any moment. One throb of a volcano, one wave of the ocean could upheave or sink her. And if that be not God's method of extinguishing empires, yet he has before seized mighty kingdoms and in an instant bound them to the victor's car. Egypt was strong and Canaan was valiant a few hours before Miriam and Deborah sang their songs of triumph; and Belshazzar was the ruler of the world when he made for his wives and concubines drunken goblets of the golden vessels of Jerusalem,—but that very night was Belshazzar slain, and Darius the Mede took the kingdom. And if British rulers are ever again allowed by the people they represent to pander to idolatry in any land, while they hamper the Christian Missionary with shameful and unnecessary disabilities, and confiscate the Word of God in the schools of the natives, we shall then, I know, not only deserve to lose our power and shrink from our exaltation, but we may reasonably expect from God's past judgments on backsliding nations that some swift messenger from Heaven will be sent to write upon the scere of our impiety the sentence of our national destruction, and to guide the instrumental forces that he may select for the operation, into the most vindictive course of subjugation.

Then let us pray, that the sway of our beloved QUEEN may to the farthest corners of her empire be regulated for the future by an undeviating adherence to strictly Christian principles. I should like to see the announcement made from the Throne that the honor of JESUS CHRIST is to be the first concern and last endeavour of British Government, wherever it exerts an influence or exercises an authority; and then we might be prouder than we have ever been of the empire of which we form a part; for then we should see the finishing shade of glory given to a constitution that was always magnificent, and the last charm added to a name that was always magical,—the stout, true, honest name of FREE OLD ENGLAND.