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The Queen.

On the evening of the twenty-second day of January last, Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, passed from her earthly kingdom into the presence of the King of Kings; and what has been in many respects the most memorable reign in the history of the British Empire, and perhaps of the world has come to an end.

As Queen she has lived under a solemn sense of her responsibility to the Divine axiom that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." As a woman her deep religious convictions were well recorded in her own words on the mausoleum at Frogmore which contains the remains of the Prince Consort, and where have been laid all that is mortal of his faithful and devoted wife:—

Victoria—Albert.

Here at last I shall rest with thee;
With thee in Christ shall rise again.

As our mother Queen, revered and loved as such, her memory will remain in the hearts of her people while history lasts. We quote the words of a writer who most aptly expresses the thoughts that must fill all our minds on this subject:—
"Mothers in mansions and in hovels, in the stately homes of England, in the cots of Ireland, in the bungalows of India, in the whitewashed cottages of Quebec, cherished the Queen's joys and told at the hearth the tale of her sorrows. Hence devotion to the Queen took on much of reverence and of softness. The hearts of the children became seed plots of patriotism. The home buttressed the throne. All over the empire affection for the woman nestled at the very core of loyalty to the Sovereign."