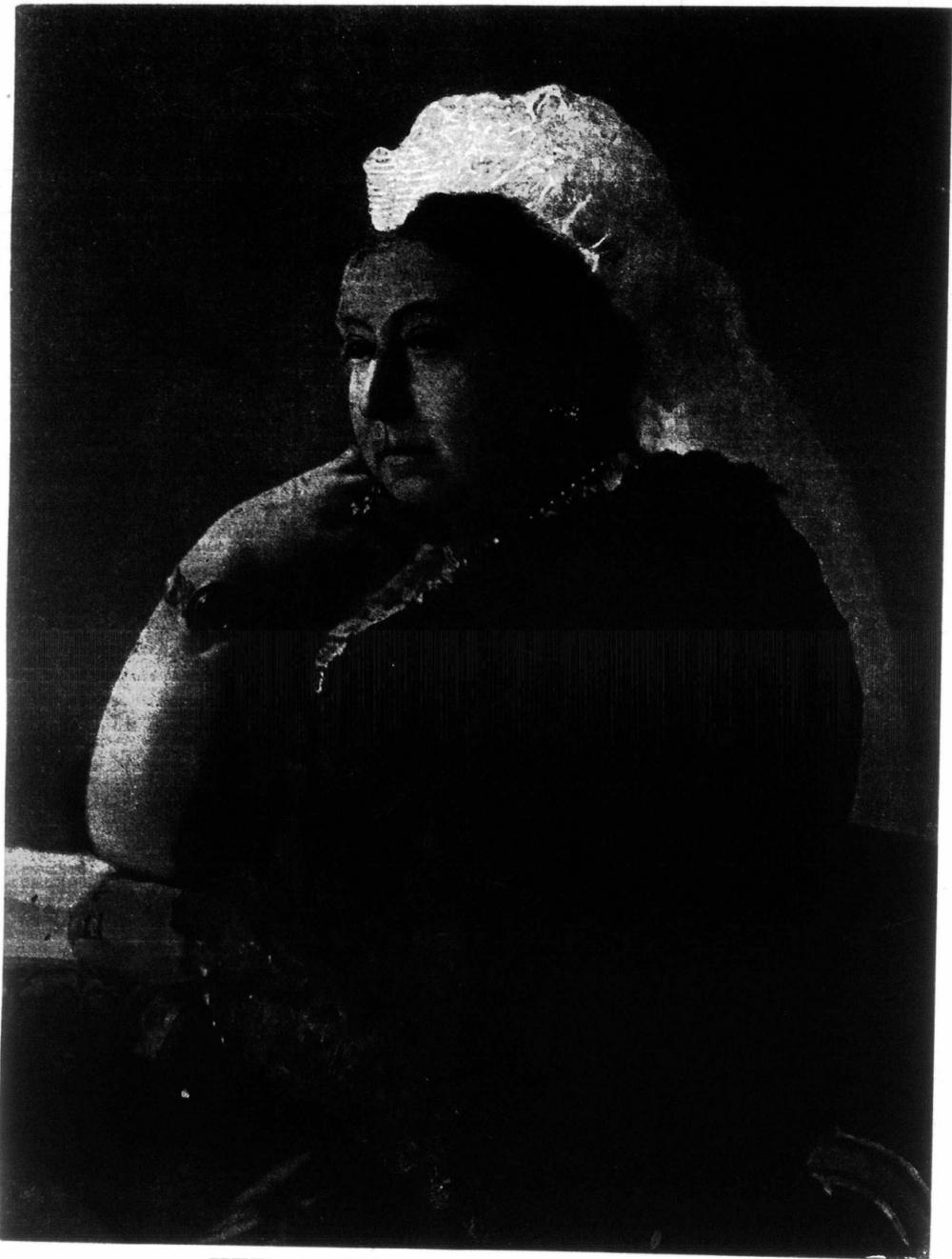


**Minnie May's Dep't.**

We will devote our young readers' departments to some instructive and amusing incidents regarding our Sovereign, which we believe all will read with much interest and profit.

Take for example the following expression of her sorrow when she heard that the Duke of Wellington was dead:—"One can not think of this country without 'the Duke'—our immortal hero! In him centred almost every earthly honor a subject could possess. His position was

never will—so devoted, loyal, and faithful a subject, so staunch a supporter! To us (who, alas! have lost now so many of our valued and experienced friends,) his loss is irreparable, for his readiness to aid and advise, if it could be of use to us, and to overcome any and every difficulty, was



HER MAJESTY, QUEEN VICTORIA.

No monarch that ever lived has taken a more active interest than Queen Victoria in the foreign affairs of her kingdom. If I may so express it, she has shown a genius for sympathy, and her affection has gone out in a remarkable manner towards the soldiers who fought her battles and the sailors who manned her fleets.

the highest a subject ever had—above party—looked up to by all—revered by the whole nation—the friend of the sovereign; and how simply he carried these honors! With what singleness of purpose, what straightforwardness, what courage, were all the motives of his actions guided. The Crown never possessed—and I fear

unequaled." These are gracious words, my fellow-subjects, but they have been accompanied hundreds of times by equally gracious deeds, proving that out of the abundance of a truly loving and grateful heart, the Queen's mouth has spoken. In Balmoral and at Osborne she has frequently visited the sick and the dying. A clergyman at