

with your excellent Order to maintain the British connexion. There is none better, none so good, whether for glory or honour, defence or commerce.

While observing that Great Britain is so great that, at times, we may see the surrounding nations doing something like obeisance to her, as the "sun, moon, and eleven stars" did to Joseph; and whilst at other times we may see the very same nations, as now, out of mere jealousy of her greatness, agreeing together to cast her into a pit. We would aver that it is not on account of her greatness that England is so dear to us, nor because of the distinction which comes to us as members of so glorious an Empire, nor yet because the advantages of sonship are so large and abundant that practically nothing is left to be desired, so much as because we love her, and chiefly because she stands out more boldly and faithfully than the other nations, breaking the sky-line of Empires as the champion of Christianity, of right, and of fair-play—her honesty making her word her bond. In all things, times and places Great Britain holds a true balance, exhibiting a character which enchains our affection.

But talking of her is talking of her Queen—the Queen of Queens. And allegiance to your Sovereign is, I see, as much a principle of your Constitution as is the maintenance of the British connexion. A limited Monarch of unlimited virtues, the Queen of England is worthy of the great Empire which she rules so well, as is the Empire of the Sovereign.

Long may she reign over us,
Happy and glorious;
God save the Queen!

GOD give England the blessing of many anniversaries of her birthday, for never did Sovereign set as brilliant an example at home, or to the rulers and peoples of the earth, as VICTORIA THE GOOD, or work harder than she.