

Victoria: Queen and Woman

PROVERBS, XVI. 12:

"The throne is established by righteousness."

DURING these days of national rejoicing over the long and glorious reign of our Sovereign, our thoughts naturally turn to the wonderful material progress which has characterized the Victorian Era. It is with pardonable pride and genuine gratitude that we recall the military and naval greatness of our nation; the extent, resources and capabilities of our colonies; the discoveries of these three-score years which have made for us a new heaven and a new earth; the inventions which have facilitated labor and annihilated space; the sciences which have relieved the sufferings of God's creation; and the arts which have beautified our life and enriched our thought. These are all the blessings of God for which we should be devoutly thankful. But on this day of religious jubilee, these are not the things which demand our chiefest thought and inspire our warmest gratitude. Material prosperity is not the secret of national greatness. Righteousness it is which really and per-