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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning." — PSALM CXXXVII. 5.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE SERMON,

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REV. XIV. 6, 7 — "And I saw another Angel, flying in mid-heaven, having an eternal Gospel to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation, and tribe, and tongue, and people; and he saith with a great voice: 'Fear God, and give glory to Him.'"

THE QUEEN.

 ON this day of our Queen's Jubilee we listen to the voice of this angel—
"Fear God, and give glory to Him."
We must not look upon our Empire in anything of the spirit of Nebuchadnezzar. We are thankful that it is the Queen's personal desire that the national heart should beat in unison with her's to-day in thanksgiving and praise to the King of kings.

In speaking of Her Majesty this moment in the midst of the highest Officers of her Realm, and the representatives of the Governments of the World, and with her to God our Saviour, in His Sanctuary, we would briefly recall some tokens of His goodness to us, in the nation's experience, and in that of our Sovereign, during the time under review. They are many and great. They call loudly to us, as they pass before us in swift glance, to give glory to God, and to serve Him in the time to come with the fear of loving children. May He ever guide Sovereign and subjects in the Empire He has given to us, on which His sun never sets!

I.—We thank God for our Queen's religious principle, and the example of her family life. In the highest social circle we have had for fifty years a pattern of every grace that should adorn the Christian home. Our palace has never been the abode of a recluse, hedged round by prancing troopers and threatening artillery. Her Majesty has lived within crystal walls and halls, beneath a transparent dome. In her books she has admitted her subjects into the privacy of her daily life, and the revelation to them of her feelings and acts has drawn forth for her their admiration and love. There is not a true heart in the Empire that does not pay the duty of loyal devotion to-day to the highest lady in the land.

II.—The peace and liberty enjoyed by the people for fifty years call for profoundest thanksgiving. The Reform Bill of 1832, that brought us somewhat near to rebellion or revolution ere it became law, was only five years old when a girl of eighteen was called to ascend the throne of Britain. Newly-acquired franchises had not time as yet to give proof of the effect their working might have on the constitution. It needed more than human strength for a fair young woman to present herself, as our Queen did, to be crowned over the Scottish Stone of Destiny in Westminster. Few remain to-day who were round her then. Our own Duchess Dowager was there that day. It is somewhat touching that they stand together at this moment, both in robes of widowhood, looking back from the pageantry and dazzling sheen of state, over the personal as well as the national experiences of their day. The Queen has no party politics; but she must have her personal opinion and sympathy; and these, it is well