

moral and spiritual elevation of her subjects. She has been wise to discern what are the pillars of the state—the principles and institutions which are essential to national greatness, without which society is ready to perish. We may safely say that personal integrity, the social spirit, the family, and religion, are among the elements which form the bed-rock of social stability ; and wherever the Queen's influence has been felt it has promoted individual righteousness, deepened the sense of universal brotherhood, purified domestic life and supported the institutions of religion.

*Personal righteousness* on the part of its members is a prime requisite of the enduring greatness of a nation ; and of this the Queen has set a splendid example to her people. Even in "the fierce light which beats upon a throne," her private life appears almost without a stain. She is an emblem to the world of what is pure and good and true. No suspicion has been cast by her critics upon her personal worth. Her subjects have had many touching examples of her womanly sympathy, but they who have come in contact with her on business of government have always been most deeply impressed by the rugged truthfulness of her nature. In very early life the Queen was trained in habits of strict personal integrity, and this training drew forth from her responsive nature an almost puritan conscientiousness. Even her quaker statesman, whose traditions bound him to literal exactness of word and deed, confessed that the trait of the Queen's character, of which he carried away the most vivid impression, was her transparent truthfulness.