

We are willing to admit that much of this may be mere formality, and that many of the British Sovereigns have been anything but good men. This, however, only proves them to have been the unworthy representatives of a religiously disposed people. But we rejoice to know that that illustrious lady who now sways the British sceptre, and upon whose royal brow sits so gracefully the richest earthly crown, is, to use the words of a distinguished American lady, "a model of womanly excellence." In the various relations of daughter, wife, mother, Queen, and Christian, her example is worthy of imitation. Her praises are sung at every Court, her virtues are admired throughout the civilized world, and her name is the synonym for public and domestic worth in all lands.

Although a Dissenter from principle, and consider the church to which we belong as good, as intelligent, and as respectable as any, we honour the Church of England, and can never forget the important service she has rendered to Protestant Christianity. With many of her forms we have little sympathy, and to her Colensoes, her Puseys, her High and Broad Church advocates we are conscientiously opposed; but, notwithstanding all, she is "a praise in the earth." We believe her doctrines, rejoice in her success, remember, with a Briton's pride, her glorious career, have read with profit her richly evangelical literature, have studied the character of her intellectual giants, and would consider that man a foe to the best interests of the empire that would harm her. Many reforms are doubtless necessary, as reform is the order of the day. Her bishops ought not to sit in the halls of legislation, the national seats of learning should be thrown open to all, church rates abolished, and the clergy supported by the voluntary contributions of her friends. And this we believe would strengthen her position, and immeasurably add to her influence and efficiency.

To the Established Churches—Episcopal and Presbyterian—Britain is deeply indebted. Much of the nation's piety is to be found within their pale, and much of her greatness is to be credited to their account. If their advantages are superior, their resources richer, and their opportunities for doing good more general, than those enjoyed by other communions, the influence they wield is much greater. To them principally belong the upper classes, with all the moral weight of wealth, rank, and social position; and to them chiefly belong the lower classes also. And we rejoice to know that in the ranks of each, we may find many who are nowhere excelled for saintliness of character, and nobleness of soul. Coronets have been laid at the Master's feet, and the wearers of