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Removal Sale at North End Grocery FROM Feby. 4th to Feby. 9th

As we have leased the premises formerly occupied by J. Stanton Rockwell and intend moving as soon as the necessary repairs are completed, we have decided to sell as much of our fancy and staple Groceries as we can, so that we may be able to start in our new shop with an entirely new stock of high class Groceries.

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IN MEMORIAM

Last Sunday evening a Memorial service was held in Kentville Baptist Church which was attended by a large number. The pulpit was very effectively draped in black and purple and on the right of the pulpit was a large portrait of the Queen heavily draped. The service was of a most impressive nature. Special music being sung by the choir. The Rev. Mr. Day delivered a most eloquent discourse based on the following text.

VICTORIA, THE GOOD; OR THE SUPREMACY OF INFLUENCE TO AUTHORITY. Text. Prov. XI. 16. A gracious woman retaineth honor.

The progress of the world during the last two years marked as it has been by the increase of wealth, the expansion of commerce, the extension of political privilege and the spread of knowledge, has fostered a spirit of criticism, of independent thought which has not scrupled to flash the search light of investigation upon every institution, claiming the homage and support of mankind. Its light like that of the X ray's has penetrated the trappings of office, rank and privilege, and has beat with a fierce glare upon the throne itself. As a result men have demanded more and more loudly that office should correspond to ability and character and should not be made a refuge for incompetence and vice. In the progress of this demand,

privilege and rank and even thrones have been overturned, as in the case of France and Brazil, while all nations have been more or less imbued with a true democratic spirit, which claims that a government shall exist only by the sufferage of the people, and only as long as it faithfully carries out the people's wish.

The doctrine of "The Divine right of Kings" has given place to that of responsible government, at least among the most progressive nations.

England has been the true home of Democracy, ever since the time of King John, when those sturdy barons representing the nation, wrested from their unwilling prince those rights and liberties contained in Magna Charta.

At the present time it is doubtful if any country in the world, not even excepting the United States of America, is more democratic than England; and yet in this same democratic England we see the throne apparently more firmly established than any where else in Europe. It is indeed a strange anomaly to see a nation, yes an empire of free, independent, fearless men, and men too, believing most thoroughly in the doctrine of "rule by the people," who yet only reach their highest enthusiasm as they sing "God Save the Queen." How are we to explain it? I think the secret of this almost worship of monarchy in an age of republican sentiment lies in the personality of the Queen herself, a woman whose power over her subjects, lies not in the fact that she holds a sceptre and wears a crown, but rather in the purity, goodness and sweetness of her character.

At first a Queen by the authority of State, she came at last to rule over myriads of hearts by the influence of a righteous life. Even had Her Majesty been a private citizen, her long record of good deeds, would have had an uplifting and sanctifying force, but exalted as she was by the hand of Providence, to the supreme headship of the greatest nation on earth, her virtues have had a royal setting and her influence for good has thus been emphasized and magnified.

I have said that influence was a greater power than mere authority and so it has proved in the case of our late Queen. Had she depended alone upon her authority as Queen of England, had she rested all her claim to the obedience, love and good will of her subjects upon that, she never would have attained that sublime height of ideal affection in the hearts of her people which she did attain, and she would have departed from the

grandeur of royalty and the glories of a throne at least "unwept," if not "unhounded and unsung."

Her power lay in that gracious, uplifting and righteous "influence" which she was able to exert in all directions and upon all minds with whom she came in contact. "Let us think for a moment of that influence as exerted on the home."

Napoleon I. once remarked contemptuously that the English were a nation of shopkeepers. "Had he more truly gauged the English character he would have said rather, "England is a nation of homes." "Every Englishman's home is his castle" is a saying which reveals the emphasis put upon home life in Britain.

The Englishman is a home-lover and wherever he may wander in the broad world, it is the thought of home that lies nearest his heart.

London, the largest and most populous city in the world has steadily resisted the encroachments of the large tenement or apartment houses, where from ten to fifty families could be sheltered, because we are ready to believe that such great buildings were unsuitable for homes in the true sense.

The suburbs of this great city are laid out for the most part in streets of small self contained houses in here the words "Home, Sweet Home" are more than mere phraseology.

This being so, namely that the home is the fountain and source of the nation's strength and vitality, it can readily be seen that anything tending to affect the home life of England, or indeed of any nation where the home truly exists in the Anglo-Saxon sense, is a matter of the grandest importance to the welfare of the country.

It is therefore with peculiar pleasure that every well-wisher of the empire studies the beautiful home life of the Queen, where can be seen magnified and intensified those domestic virtues which every Englishman holds dear.

Queen Victoria's home life was like a beautiful and pure picture, ever showing in its brilliant lights and deep shadows the loveliness of inmost joy, the sweetness of love in husband and care of children and the grandeur of submission to the will of God in affliction.

Such a picture was hung in the sight of the British people throughout the period of a long life. Who can estimate its power for good?

Love! purity! fidelity! These are the words that might have truly been written over the portals of her dwelling, whether it be at Osborne, Balmoral or Windsor. These are the words which reveal the influence, by which she elevated womanhood, purified her court and adorned her own character.

But the influence of the Queen did not cease with the home. "It was felt with equal power in the political sphere." Not directly, of course; that would not do for a constitutional sovereign, nevertheless her firm, quiet pressure in the direction of what she believed to be right, was a force to be reckoned with in English Politics.

It is the fashion among certain writers to say that as far as the exercise of real authority goes, the occupant of the throne of England is a mere figure head. This it appears to me is a mistake. The throne is a power and has a real influence politically and never was the statement truer than when applied to Queen Victoria.

It is not my purpose here to go deeply into this subject, but merely in passing to refer to the beneficial influence which the Queen has been able to exert on the relations between the classes and the masses. This is not so much a political question perhaps as it is a social one, and yet it is the soil from which many vexing political problems arise.

The Queen early recognized the fact that the will of the people constituted an authority, superior to her own and she was ever ready graciously to acknowledge this fact. No real clash ever occurred between her will and that of the people.

The result has been that the rising tide of democracy instead of sweeping away aristocracy and royalty together has but lifted the Queen into greater popular favor than any monarch ever before enjoyed.

Her attitude, suggestive of a desire always to conform to the wishes of her subjects when constitutionally expressed has modified and softened radical set-

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ment and deprived socialistic investment of its sting

Men, no matter how strongly they were opposed to royalty, were loath to enter on a campaign against a Queen whose only thought was for the welfare of her subjects.

It is for this reason, partly at least, that we do not find the same bitter spite in England between the different classes as we do for instance in Germany.

In the latter country social Democracy is very strong and threatens with a bitterness, born of ages of overbearing tyranny on one side and social ostracism on the other, to overturn all existing forms of government. In spite of its apparent strength, the German government, according to many thinkers rests on the edge of a slumbering volcano.

But in England, the fact that the line between the Lord and commoner is not so closely drawn, and the readiness that the Queen has ever shown to confer titles of honor and distinction upon deserving persons from whatever class of society, has certainly smoothed the relations between aristocracy and democracy, perhaps even to the extent of preventing a revolution.

Besides all this, by her womanly sympathy with the poor and distressed, ministering often as she did to the needs of the sick with her own hands, cheering those in trouble by her presence, the Queen still further contributed to the spirit of peace, forbearance and goodwill among the different classes of her subjects. As far as the army is concerned, her influence has been exerted in numberless ways for the good, and happiness of her soldiers. Even the most humble private could not but be thrilled with new loyalty and devotion when he heard that the Queen was daily found sobbing at midnight for the brave men who had fallen in defence of the Empire at South Africa.

The extent of the Queen's influence on international affairs only the future can reveal. The keynote of the foreign

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