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The Queen. The Queen is dead; and the world is poorer than it was when the new century opened. The longest and most splendid reign in British history has closed, and a nation—nay rather an empire and that the greatest upon which the sun has ever risen, mourns as for a personal loss. For two generations Queen Victoria has reigned over the British Empire and every year the tie between the sovereign and the people has become stronger. By her wisdom and tact, and by the nobility of her life and character she won the love of her people for herself and for the system of government which she represented. That not a discordant note was heard throughout the Empire when her son was proclaimed King Edward VII. was owing to her whom men have so long called Her Gracious Majesty. But the Queen is dead and her subjects mourn. The majority have never known any other sovereign, and to many the National Anthem will always be,—God save the Queen. On Monday, Jan. 21st., the news reached Wolfville that the Queen was in a critical condition. And yet, tho no hope was held out in the reports, it seemed impossible that medical science and skill should be so impotent with the resources of an empire at command. But on Tuesday afternoon our worst fears were confirmed by tidings that Death had won his first great victory in the new century. Thank God for the promise of the time when there shall be no more death, and for the fact that even now the sting of death has been removed.

The Victorian age—so shall the last half of the nineteenth century be known in history. And a wonderful age it has been—an age of en-