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DEDICATION.

TO MARTIN ALBERT BUTLER, the Editor's young son and heir, this issue of THE JOURNAL is affectionately and hopefully dedicated.

LOVE AND LOYALTY.

The sixty years' reign of Queen Victoria is something remarkable in itself and deserving of special mention, but the progress of art, science and invention during her reign throughout her dominion, and indeed throughout the civilized world, is still more remarkable. It is not only to do fitting honor to the Queen for her nobleness of soul purity of life and her many public and domestic virtues, that the great jubilee ceremonies are gotten up, but to record the triumphs along these lines that have taken place during the sixty years of her reign.

To a democrat, who sees nothing sacred in monarchs beyond the character of their lives and the good they have done, it is hard for him to make his sincerity appreciated when he speaks well of sovereigns simply on their own merits and not on account of the mere fact that they are such.

To the great mass of royalty-worshippers, who hold not only the office of king or queen, but the faults and follies of rulers as something sacred and above the criticism of common mortals, the position they (the rulers) occupy is to them all in all. They have received a divine commission from the Almighty to rule and do as they please, and it becomes 'the peoples' duty to bow in humble submission and lay their heads on the block should it please the wishes of royal caprice.

This is the system under which Russia, Turkey and, to a great extent, Germany is governed to-day and under which England groaned under the rule of the Tudors and Stuarts. There are some to-day who would welcome absolute monarchy in England and the colonies, but the great masses of the British and those of British extraction are too free and enlightened and would fight it to the death. If absolute authority were tendered to Queen Victoria we don't believe she would accept it.

Now, while we don't believe in such spectacular and barbaric displays, even in honor of such a good queen as Victoria;—for it looks too much like paying almost divine honors to a mere human being like ourselves, and no one can grovel in the dust to make others great without making himself small, and losing, to a great extent, his own self respect,—yet some fitting observance is necessary, and the loyalty that finds expression in building hospitals for the poor, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked and establishing libraries for the education of the public, is of the right stamp. To the Queen's everlasting credit let it be said that this is the particular form she wishes the contributions of the people to be devoted to. So then, we can readily forgive the silly ceremonial, the pretended conferring of the honors of knighthood, which confer no honors and make no man or woman any the wiser or better than the honest, hardworking Jack, the toiler;—which smack of presumption and invidious distinction, and perpetuate the deplorable system of class rule; when the occasion moves the people to good intents. Surrounded, as the Queen is, by flatterers and followers, obscured, as the throne is, by the incense of the priests of royalty and mammon, there still shines through all the clouds that enshroud it, a spark of the divine spirit in her life and teachings

which makes her by divine right the model, at least, of true womanhood. It is to be hoped when the divine spark is quenched in darkness we may have in her successor a light equal to guide us. If not then each one must furnish his own light,

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