

MEMORIAL ADDRESS,
KING EDWARD THE SEVENTH.

"And there he died".

Judges 1:7.

"And he died in a good old age, full
of days, riches & honor, and his son
reigned in his stead." 1 Chron.29+28.

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Intro:-

John Wesley said-- he owed much to his noble mother.

So Ed. to VICTORIA, THE GOOD.

Most glorious Queen that ever sat upon British throne.

Her courts were pure,

Her home perfumed with high ideals.

Noble Queen, wife and Mother.

On Jan. 22nd. 1901 was flashed across the wires of the world- sad news telling that Victoria the Good had gone the way of all the earth.

EDWARD- Prince of Wales called to the throne- (Promise to mother).

On occasion of his Accession, he said-

"In undertaking the heavy load which now devolves upon me, I am fully determined to be a constitutional Sov. in the strictest sense of the word, and so long as there is breath in my body, to work for good and betterment of my people."

This he carried out most nobly.

On May 6th. news again came across the waters that our Sov. had passed away.

EDWARD after few days illness was ushered into eternity.

It was a sudden passing away for the King.

It was sudden gloom for queen and nation.

It was sudden respons. for new Sov.

He uttered sig. words just before death

"I know this is the end--- tell the queen it is all over- but I think I have done my duty."

As he uttered these words, no doubt he took a retrospective look-- reviewing the acts and deeds of his reign. No doubt the thought of satisfaction loomed up before him, that he had moved in his mother's footsteps.

In France glory was a grt thing but in Brit. Emp. duty was first.

The King's remarks will go down in history with those of Nelson , uttered at close of his career- "Eng. expects every man to do his duty."

GREATEST MONARCH-

EDWARD SEVENTH, grst monarch in world at his death.

King of an Empire with 1000 yrs of hist. behind it.

Meaning of word EDWARD is "Guardian of the faithful".

England has had 10 Edwards- 7 since Norman conquest and 3 before.

The first Ed. previous to the conqu. ascended throne in 901 and last Ed.

in 1901, a span of 1000 yrs. separating them. He will go down in hist.

as peacemaker among Kings.

He was PEACEMAKER of Europe -

possessing a well-nigh perfect knowledge of international affairs,

tactful and diplomatic and student of men and affairs and a positive factor in shaping grt problems.

He was said to be " at home , a king among statesman , and abroad- a statesman among kings.

His gifts and talents were superior even for a king.- He could speak 4 languages fluently-

splendid public speaker.

It was said of him by a grt man- "A most remarkable man, one of the ~~xix~~ strongest I have ever known."

HIS PAST LIFE.

His early mistakes made him tender- his sympathy made him great,- his

knowledge of men skilful - and his personal traits popular..

During his reign the guarantee of peace was not so much a grt navy as a GREAT MONARCH, beloved & honored by the wide, wide world..

During his early life he was surrounded by grt forces- always pointing him toward God.

When he came to the throne there were three things he was fortunate in having-

- 1.- Faithful teaching of his father,
- 2.- Noble example of his mother,
- 3.- Hearty co-operation and sympathy of Queen Alexandra.

DID HONOR TO MOTHER'S RECORD.

His death revives the memory of his mother.

During his reign he did not do dishonor to the glorious record of VICTORIA the Good.

All the searchlights of national comparison were poured upon him when he ascended the throne, yet he stood the test gloriously without shame or scandal, error or mistake.

It is said of him, - "He had the tenderness of a brother, the dignity of a king, concern of a father, wisdom of a councillor, caution of a diplomat & skill of a statesman.

REMARKABLE REIGN.

10 yrs of his reign remarkable in hist.

During his life and reign the earth was girdled with steel, the air navigated, ~~and~~ the remote places of the earth reached, & the ideals of universal peace planted in hearts of humanity.

He saw French throne disappear, German Empire consolidated, the sons of Japan re-born, Canada march forward in increased power and broadened outlook.

SOME THINGS THAT MADE HIM GREAT:-

1.- His regard for his mother,

- 2.- His regard for humanity,
- 3.- His regard for express will of
the world,
- 4.- His efforts on behalf of universal
peace.

NEW KING:-

May our prayers go up from loyal

Xtn hearts on behalf of our new
Lord, King
Sov. GEORGE FIFTH.

May he have the wisdom and guidance
of the King of Kings.

May he follow the example of
VICTORIA THE GOOD and all that was
grand and noble in his father
EDWARD SEVENTH.

APPEAL-

In the midst of all-

We brought nothing into this world-

Illus:- Picture funeral procession.

End of all-

Nation despoiled in mourning.
Kings,

Paupers.

CLOSING LESSON-

"Prepare to meet thy God".

Grt men,

all stand before G.

humble men,

God and the Empire with us still.

"O God our help in ages past" &c.