

# QUEEN VICTORIA'S UNPRECEDENTED AND EVENTFUL 64 YEARS' REIGN.

## The Growth of the British Empire Under Her Rule, the Wars It Has Sustained, and the Present Great Inheritance She Leaves to Her Successor on the Throne, King Edward VII.

Queen Victoria for years and by common consent has been acknowledged to be the most exalted monarch in the world. Had she been less wise and less the mother and citizen than sovereign the cause of democracy and republicanism would have prevailed more than it has in Great Britain. The immense strides which the nation has made towards popular government have never gone so far as abolishing the throne, if only because it was occupied by Victoria, whose life won her the respect and affection of some of the most rabid radicals. The race which she leaves behind her, and out of whose members Kings and Queens of England must be fashioned as long as Kings and Queens last, have not the virtues of Victoria, and without doubt will have rougher paths to tread and a harder fight with democracy.

### SUCCEEDED WILLIAM IV.

Victoria was the niece of William IV, who sat on the throne before her. This King was the brother of George III, who was the son of George II, who was the son of George I. When her uncle, William IV, died, she succeeded to the throne. At the death of Princess Charlotte in 1817 there was no one to inherit the throne of the second generation, and this although George III had seven children, all of whom had reached middle age. The Duke of Kent and the Duchess of Stratford, who were the parents of Victoria, were living in July the Duke of Kent died like a lucky winner of the race to produce an heir to England's throne. The Duke of Kent was Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, who was the son of the Prince of Leiningen and sister of the widower of Victoria Alexandrina. She was born at Kensington Palace, London, on May 24, 1819, having been taken to England so that their child might first see the day in the country which it was destined to rule.

### SHOT AT WHEN BABE.

The first winter of England's future Queen was spent at a cottage in St. Mawhood, Devonshire, where the climate is mild. There England came near being robbed of its future Queen through the carelessness of a boy who was shooting and who sent a charge of shot through the cottage window, barely missing the royal baby, who, however, survived more than one shot without being hurt. The child was not hurt, as she herself has said, was a dull affair. Sleeping on a little couch at her mother's side, she was shot through the chest by her mother's maid, who was taking some of her book lessons from her. She was her mother's darling, and she was her mother's pride. She had a playmate of her own age, and she became a beautiful girl, a brilliant pianist, a good rider and a beautiful dancer.

### OPENS PARLIAMENT.

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### VICTORIA'S DESCENDANTS.

HER MAJESTY'S CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

- II. 1. M. Victoria, Empress Frederick.
- II. 1. M. William IV, German Emperor.
- II. 1. R. Charlotte, hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Adolphine of Prussia.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Adolphine of Schaumburg-Lippe.
- II. 1. R. H. Sophia, Duchess of Sparta.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Frederick Charles of Hesse.
- II. 1. R. H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.
- II. 1. R. H. George, Duke of York.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Victoria of Wales.
- II. 1. R. H. Maude, Princess Charles of Denmark.
- II. 1. R. H. the late Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse.
- II. 1. G. D. H. Victoria, Princess of Battenberg.
- II. 1. G. D. H. Grand Duchess Sergius of Russia.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Henry of Prussia (see Prince Henry above).
- II. 1. R. H. Ernest Louis, Grand Duke of Hesse.
- II. 1. M. Alexandra, Empress of Russia.
- II. 1. R. H. Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Ferdinand of Romania.
- II. 1. R. H. Victoria Melita, Grand Duchess of Hesse (see Grand Duke above).
- II. 1. R. H. Alexandra, hereditary Princess of Hohenzollern-Langenburg.
- II. 1. R. H. Helena, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Christian Victor.
- II. 1. R. H. Prince Albert.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Albert of Anhalt.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne.
- II. 1. R. H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught.
- II. 1. R. H. Prince George.
- II. 1. R. H. Prince Arthur.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Victoria Patricia.
- II. 1. R. H. the late Leopold, Duke of Albany.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Alice of Albany.
- II. 1. R. H. Charles Edward, Second Duke of Albany.
- II. 1. R. H. Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg.
- II. 1. R. H. Prince Alexander.
- II. 1. R. H. Princess Victoria Eugenie.
- II. 1. R. H. Prince Leopold.
- II. 1. R. H. Prince Maurice.

### TO THE THRONE.

Queen Victoria came to the throne at the age of eighteen. She was small and slight, with light-brown hair and large blue eyes, and somewhat prominent nose. Her face was pale, but her eyes were bright and the lower part of her upper lip curved sharply. The first time she was crowned, she was crowned with a crown which was made of gold and set with diamonds. The Queen's coronation was a magnificent affair. She was crowned with a crown which was made of gold and set with diamonds.

### "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

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## THE DEAD SOVEREIGN.



QUEEN VICTORIA AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY-ONE.

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### FIRST DAUGHTER MARRIED.

The first marriage of one of the Queen's children was on Jan. 25, 1858. It was the marriage of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, to Princess Alice of Greece. The Queen was sixty years of age. The marriage was a happy one.

### PRINCE OF WALES NEXT.

The Prince of Wales was married on March 10, 1857. He was twenty years of age. The Queen was sixty-seven years of age. The marriage was a happy one.

### SLIDELL-MASON AFFAIR.

The Slidell-Mason affair was a diplomatic incident between the United States and Great Britain. It occurred in 1861. The Queen was sixty-eight years of age. The affair was a major event in the Queen's reign.

### SORROW OVER LINCOLN.

The Queen was deeply saddened by the death of Abraham Lincoln in 1865. She was seventy years of age. The Queen's sorrow was a reflection of the nation's grief.

### FEARS FOR HER REASON.

The Queen's health began to decline in the late 1870s. She was seventy-seven years of age. Her fears for her reason were a source of concern for the nation.

### LIKED GOOD-LOOKING MEN.

The Queen was known for her fondness for good-looking men. She was seventy-nine years of age. Her preference for handsome men was a well-known trait.

### WAR WITH US AVERTED.

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### WEPT WITH EUGENIE.

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Total number of His Majesty's great-grandchildren..... 23

Queen Victoria had nine children. The first, the Princess Royal, Victoria Adelaide Mary Louise, was born on Nov. 21, 1840.

The Civil War Incident. To Americans beyond question the matter of most moment in the life and character of England's Queen is her attitude towards the United States. In her first full measure the antipathy of the preceding generation for the rebellious colonies, added to the natural dislike of the Queen's own people for a republic, Victoria, one would argue, should have been delighted to see a dismemberment of the American Union. It was her grief when the Princess Alice was suddenly sent by the doctors to the other side of the grave, and the Queen's grief when the Princess Alice was suddenly sent by the doctors to the other side of the grave.

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