

### The King, God Bless Him!

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Co-mingled with the sorrow the British subjects felt at the death of a wise and prudent sovereign was a certain feeling of joy at the thought that he would be succeeded by one worthy of the honor. King George, even in death, must have rejoiced that his crown would pass to a worthy son. What words must have passed between them at their last earthly meeting; words of counsel and warning; the advice of a man to his son, of a king to his heir.

During the reign of his father, King Edward, by the force of his earnestness, and with the strength of his efforts, did much to advance the peace and prosperity of England and the Empire. Thus he won for himself the firm respect of all the peoples within the domain of England. His regard for the welfare of his future subjects drew him into the van of all important economic and diplomatic conflicts. His hatred for oppression and exploitation drove him to scour the land in search of wrongs and injustice. To restore harmony between masters and men he labored without rest, for he recognized that perfect co-operation between these is necessary for national prosperity.

*How does he accomplish such?* By the force of his personality. All the princely qualities are in him in abundance. He has the character that can triumph over all obstacles; the simplicity to conquer all hearts; the courage and ability to surmount every peril. Pomp and pageantry he never cared for. He goes about not as a king, but as a kingly gentleman. He shared the laughter and tears of the "boys" in France. His familiarity and his boyishness won for him the nick-name, "Teddy;" and in England only the great, who are worth-while, are nick-named.

Perhaps no other monarch has ascended England's throne so well-beloved, so universally popular as Edward VIII. Without the throne he was a respected leader; with the throne he is a revered monarch. Fortunate indeed is England to have at its head a strong guiding hand that is ever searching for justice and right. Let his motto be, as ever, "Ich Dien," "I Serve," and the future of England and the Empire is assured. Long live the KING!