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WE meet to-day shadowed by a dark cloud of sorrow. The death of our revered Queen has elicited from people inhabiting every part of the globe deep expressions of heartfelt grief, for she was, in a sense never before realised by a monarch, a friend of all her people. Her wisdom and patriotism were such that in her hands we all felt the honour and best interests of our country were secure. She was at the same time, in the midst of all her cares and responsibilities, tender and deeply sympathetic with those in trouble or sickness. The Queen took a keen interest in all that concerned the progress of our profession, and quite recently, in spite of failing bodily strength, visited the wards of Prince Albert's Military Hospital at Netley on more than one occasion, in order to testify to her sick and wounded soldiers how deeply she appreciated their services. The memory of Queen Victoria is held in loving reverence by us all, and we believe that the force of her example will live and influence for good many generations of English men and women.