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29 - Queen Victoria -- 04/01/2017



*Welcome to topic number 29...
today we will be looking at
our Monarch, Queen Victoria.*



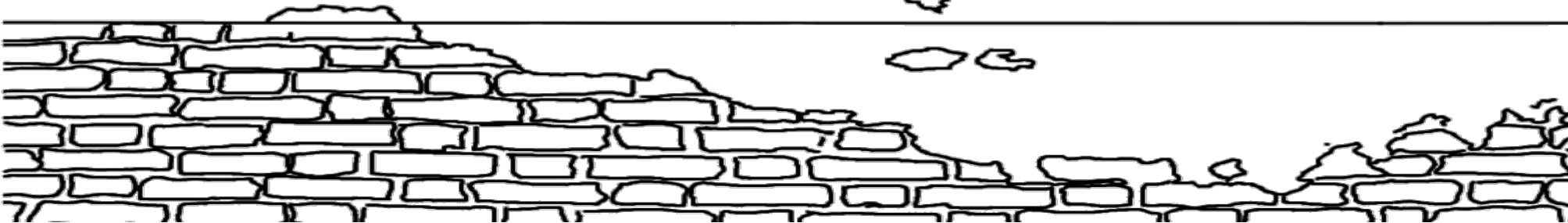
Victoria, the daughter of the duke of Kent and Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg, was born in 1819.



She inherited the throne of Great Britain at the age of eighteen, upon the death of her uncle William IV in 1837, and will reign until 1901, bestowing her name upon her age.



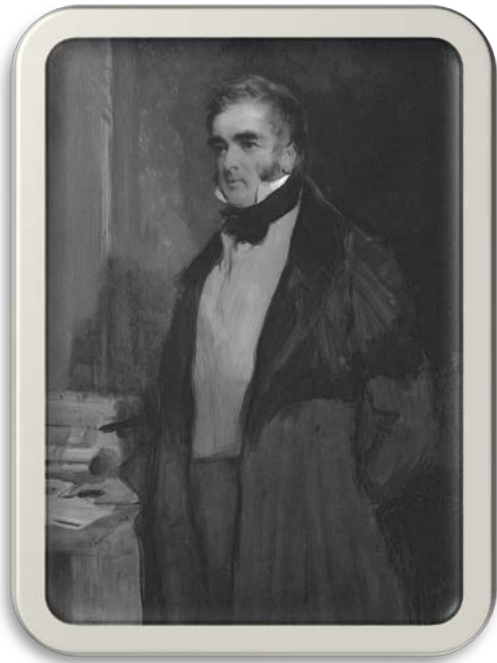
*Yes, for much of our lives we
will only know her as our
ruler.*



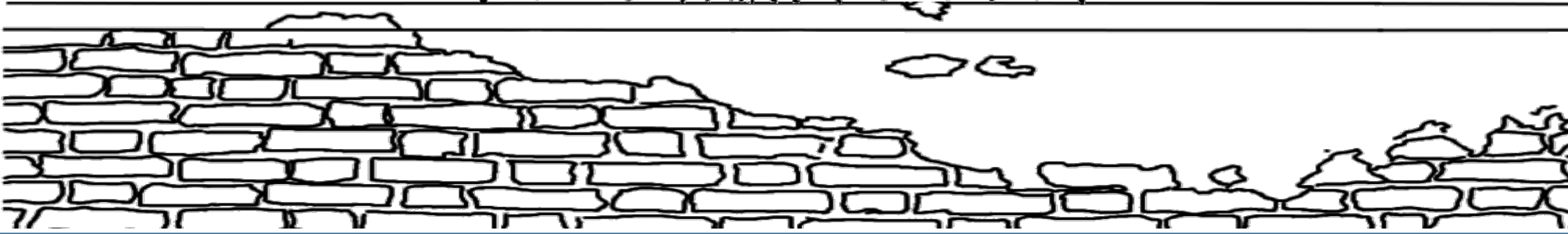


She married her mother's nephew, Albert (1819-1861), prince of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, in 1840, and until his death, he remains the focal point of her life (she bore him nine children).





Albert replaced Lord Melbourne, as Victoria's chief advisor.



*After Albert's death in
1861, Victoria will
remain seclusion for
ten years.*

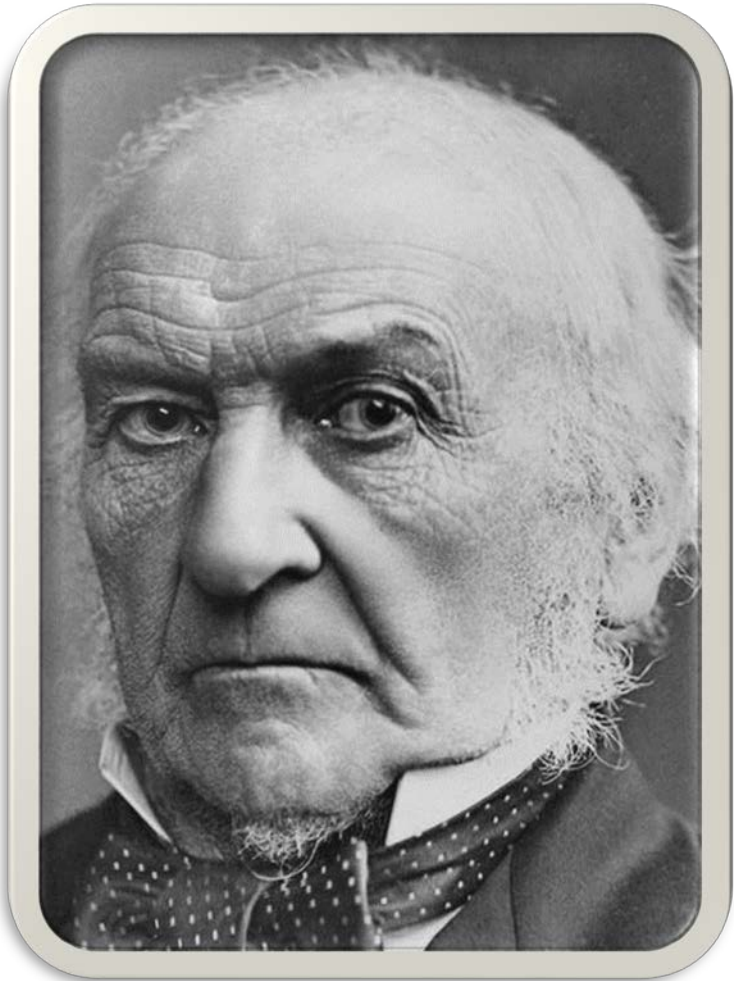


Her genuine mourning, which will occupy her for the rest of her life, plays an important role in the evolution of what becomes the Victorian mentality.



Thereafter, she will live at Windsor or Balmoral, traveling abroad once a year, but making few public appearances in Britain itself.





Although she maintains a careful policy of official political neutrality, she does not get along with Prime Minister Gladstone.



Eventually, however, she succumbs to the flattery of Disraeli, and permits him to have her crowned Empress of India in 1876.



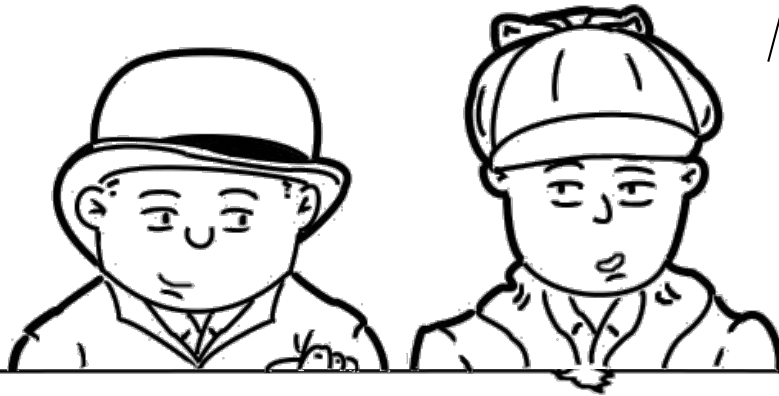
She tends to take an active dislike of British politicians who criticize the conduct of the conservative regimes of Europe, many of which are, after all, run by her relatives.



By 1870 her popularity will be at its lowest ebb (at the time the monarchy will cost the nation £400,000 per annum, and many wonder whether the largely symbolic institution is worth the expense), but it will increase steadily thereafter until her death.



Her golden jubilee in 1887 will be a grand national celebration, as will be her diamond jubilee in 1897...



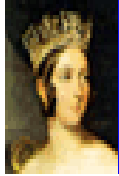
*... by then, employing the imperial
"we," she will have long been
Kipling's "Widow of Windsor,"
mother of the Empire.*



*So we have completed
topic 29 in our series...*

*Yes, but we'll be back
with another topic
soon...*





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