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## Editorial.

### Sir Winston Churchill the Greatest of Statesmen.

THE RESIGNATION of Sir Winston Churchill from the Premiership has come as a shock to our country and the world, leaving a deep sense of loss and uneasiness that his glorious reign as Premier has now ended! As the greatest of statesmen, where in human history has there been one of his incomparable stature? Much has been written of his place among our great statesmen of the past, but Sir Winston's record will stand far beyond man's dreams of mortal achievement.

Sir Winston, who was destined to become the greatest war leader in our history, joined the Army at the age of 20, and for some years went either as an officer or as a military war correspondent to Cuba, to India, to South Africa—wherever he could see and take part in military operations. To his genius in military leadership he has been endowed with other great gifts and

attributes that combine in his amazing personality. Sir Winston is a great orator, the supreme master of words. In his speeches, characteristic of his sincerity and

indomitable courage, Sir Winston was never afraid to tell the nation the truth in the darkest days of the Second World War; when the people of the free world, trustful and admiring, hung on his epic words, now so dearly cherished, words that cannot be too often repeated for the courage they inspired as he led them in "their finest hour."

#### Historian Unsurpassed.

It is characteristic of Sir Winston's magnanimity that in the years between the wars, when suffering from the unjustifiable blame over the failure of the Dardanelles, he wrote "Marlborough," the history of his great ancestor and his times.

His genius in this wonderful art has contributed no fewer than twelve volumes



"I have the honour of proposing a toast which I used to enjoy drinking during the years when I was a cavalry subaltern in the reign of your Majesty's great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. Having served in office or in Parliament under the four sovereigns who have reigned since those days, I felt, with these credentials, that in asking your Majesty's gracious permission to propose this toast I should not be leading to a creation of a precedent which would often cause inconvenience.

"Madame, I should like to express the deep and lively sense of gratitude which we and all your peoples feel to you and to his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh for all the help and inspiration we receive in our daily lives, and which spreads with ever-growing strength throughout the British realm and the Commonwealth and Empire.

"Never have we needed it more than in the anxious and darkling age through which we are passing and through which we hope to help the world to pass.

"Never have the august duties which fall upon the British Monarchy been discharged with more devotion than in the brilliant opening of your Majesty's reign. We thank God for the gift He has bestowed upon us, and vow ourselves anew to the sacred causes and wise and kindly way of life of which your Majesty is the young, gleaming champion.

"The Queen."

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