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SAGE OF HAWARDEN.

GREAT BRITAIN'S MOST EMINENT STATESMAN.

A Busy and Useful Life Briefly Sketched—Home Life of the "Grand Old Man"—Personal Characteristics—Mrs. Gladstone.

THE correspondent of an American newspaper traveling in England recently stopped off at Chester, and after a short drive found himself at the Glynne Arms Hotel, Hawarden, and just opposite the main entrance to Hawarden Castle, the home of William Ewart Gladstone.

Armed with a letter of introduction, he soon found himself ushered into the presence of the best-known man in the British Empire. His reception of the newspaper man was at the same time dignified and affable, but as far removed from any appearance of patronage as from familiarity.

Respecting the probabilities of his accession again to power, Mr. Gladstone remarked that though the result

HON. WM. E. GLADSTONE.

of the by-elections was of such a character as to make him most sanguine of the speedy return of his party to power, his hope of such a consummation was not based solely on that fact, but as well upon the assured conviction that the tide of public opinion was surely turning in their favor.

Mr. Gladstone lives a very regular life at his home. He breakfasts lightly about 7 o'clock, and shortly before 8 walks to the church for prayers. To the intelligent observer the sight of the great statesman walking to church at this early hour in the morning cannot fail to be interesting. Clad in a long coat, tightly buttoned, with a long shawl wrapped closely around his neck, and wearing a soft felt hat, his appearance is decidedly picturesque. Upon his return to the castle from morning prayers he retires to his study, where he reads and answers, with the aid of his secretary, his enormous mass of daily correspondence.

There is no regular hour for luncheon at the castle, and it is partaken of by those at home at various times. In the afternoon Mr. Gladstone takes a walk in the grounds, and if the weather is propitious usually engages in his favorite exercise of tree-chopping. He dines at 8 o'clock, afterward reads or writes, and at 10 retires for the night. Though abstemious in his habits, he usually drinks bitter beer with his lunch, and a glass or two of claret or port at dinner. Mr. Gladstone is not in any sense ascetic, is a generous liver, and is a great believer in the virtues of a glass of good port wine. When engaged in speaking his fillip is a compound of sherry and egg, which is prepared by Mrs. Gladstone with as much anxiety and care as if it were the elixir of life. Mr. Gladstone never smoked. He acquired his habits at a period when tobacco-smoking was generally regarded as somewhat vulgar among the better classes.

Mr. Gladstone usually has three books in reading at the same time, and changes from one to another as his mind reaches the limit of absorption, or when he fancies that the volume in hand has interested him just enough not to be the sole object of thought. This mode of reading is intended to be corrective of a natural disposition of his mind to devote attention to some particular subject to the exclusion of everything else.

In Mr. Gladstone's study, besides his books, which are seen everywhere, there are three writing desks in the

GLADSTONE GOING TO CHURCH.

room, one chiefly reserved for political correspondence, and another used by Mrs. Gladstone. The library at Hawarden Castle contains more than 20,000 volumes, which are freely loaned to almost any person in the neighborhood who wishes to read them. At one time this library was unlimited, but the privilege was so much abused by some persons that a few years ago a rule was laid down limiting the time for which a book might be kept to one month. With this exception, however, Mr. Gladstone's library is still the free-loan library of the whole country side.

Beginning his career as an orator, Gladstone, the greatest of living statesmen, has achieved an unrivaled reputation as a parliamentary speaker, the intense gravity and earnestness of his utterances carrying conviction to the minds of his hearers. In over fifty years of public life he has either instigated or participated in a series of measures which have caused a most admirable change in the English laws and government, the most notable being the extension of the franchise to every man who has an established home.

He was born at Liverpool—an Englishman by birth, but of Scotch descent. His father was a wealthy merchant, who acquired a large fortune in the West India trade.

He was educated at Eton and the University of Oxford, and graduated before attaining the age of twenty-two years. He entered Parliament in 1832 as a member for Newark, Nottinghamshire, which borough he continued to represent until 1846. During these years honors fell profusely on the head of the youthful commoner, "Handsome Gladstone," as he was called. At this time he was a constant contributor to the "Quarterly Review," chiefly on literary and ecclesiastical subjects.

In 1834, he was made junior lord of the treasury, and three months later, under secretary for colonial affairs. In 1841, Mr. Gladstone was made vice president of the council and master of the mint. In 1843 he relinquished the first named of these offices in order to assume that of president of the board of trade. In 1845 he entered the cabinet as secretary for the colonies, under the premiership of Sir Robert Peel; but soon resigned this office and also his seat in Parliament. In 1851 Mr. Gladstone broke away from the conservative party. The following year he became chancellor of the exchequer, a position for which he showed a marvelous aptitude, handling the national accounts with an easy mastery, and presenting them before the House of Commons and the country with a degree of eloquence which perhaps had never before adorned so unattractive a matter as national finance.

In 1858 Mr. Gladstone declined a position in the cabinet, but accepted a special mission to the Ionian Islands. In June, 1859, he again became chancellor of the exchequer, under Lord Palmerston, at whose death, in 1865, Mr. Gladstone became the leader of his party in the House of Commons. In 1868 he became premier for the first time, which office he held until 1874, when the conservative reaction displaced him. While in power he disestablished the Irish Church, passed the Irish land bill of 1870, and also an educational reform bill; he abolished the purchase of commissions in the army, and established the system of voting by ballot in elections.

In 1880 the country welcomed the liberals back into power, and Mr. Gladstone again became premier, which office he held until 1886, with the exception of brief intervals. Under this great statesman's leadership, the per-

GLADSTONE IN DEBATE.

manent good that has been accomplished in English domestic reform is most remarkable.

In 1839 Mr. Gladstone was married to Miss Catherine Glynne. Two of his sons are members of Parliament; a third son is clergyman of the Church of England; and one of his daughters is married to a minister of that denomination.

Making Light of Him.

Charley—"Ah, me good fellah, will you give me a light?"

Longshoreman—"Certainly, sonny, help yourself."—*Munsey's Weekly.*

How to Go to Sleep.

Correspondents of the London *Spectator* have been supplying that journal with various remedies for sleeplessness. A curate in London is afflicted in direct proportion to the mental worry and absence of air and exercise he has to endure, and finds that "to walk even one mile a day is a great thing" in the way of a remedy. At the moment, he says, the best thing one can do is to get up, drink half a glass of water and walk round the room. The slight alteration of cold and warmth has a soporific effect. For a permanent result: "Live healthy. Avoid too little and too much exercise, food, especially wine. Dine lightly, eating very little meat. Bathe an hour before dinner, not before going to bed. Do something in the evening that does not excite you, something like whist, that does itself mechanically. Decide how much sleep you ought to have—say eight hours—and get up sternly when you have been in bed eight hours, however long you have been awake. Increase your air and exercise gradually."

REPORTER—Miss Anderson, will you never marry? Our Mary (blushing and tripping on her words)—Navarro! Reporter (in surprise)—What! Navarro? Our Mary (recovering herself,—Well, hardly Navarro!

WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

GULFS BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT SOCIAL CLASSES.

Efforts Made by Parvenu Millionaires to Break Into Fashionable Circles—It May Be Done, but at the Expense of Much Good Food, Choice Wines, and Silverware.

FASHION at the national capital puts on her gayest toys in the winter season. Each year there are more rich people there, who go for the purpose of having a good time, and are willing to pay for it, they entertain lavishly, many of them with a very substantial object in view, namely, to get into society. Washington is, in fact, a sort of winter Newport. Money is no object to them, and their chief business in life is giving entertainments and going to other people's entertainments. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Times*, referring to this matter, says: A general impression has gone abroad to the effect that anybody can obtain an entrance into Washington society, owing to the necessarily mixed character of the cosmopolite population here, but this is not really true, although there is a certain basis of fact for the statement. Undoubtedly many persons of large means do come hither, and, by the judicious use of cash, secure social position; but what city is there in this world today where the same thing may not be accomplished in the same manner? One thing only is necessary in such a case—that the wealthy parvenu should leave the town where he has made his money and go to another. In Washington at this very time there are people who have earned fortunes here in trade, and who are anxious to be received in the exclusive set, but they have not succeeded because the shop is too much in evidence, so to speak. In New York, or in any other large city, they would have a much better chance. Thus millionaire tradespeople from elsewhere migrate to the capital, and, by earnest effort and the employment of the mighty power that money signifies, find their way into the swim.

The proper thing to do, if you are a parvenu millionaire with social ambition—presumably your wife and children will have the ambition, and not yourself—is to come to Washington and begin operations by hiring a fine house in the midst of the most intensely fashionable quarter. Money, it must be remembered from the start, is no object; you are, of course, prepared to spend your hard-earned dollars like water in pursuit of the social ignis fatuus. Accordingly you proceed, after furnishing your house gorgeously, to give a series of public entertainments. You do not know anybody, and so you invite everybody. The people you are really anxious to get in with will not come; but plenty of others will, among them many

EVERYBODY ACCEPTED.

whom you have probably not invited. If you are not aware beforehand that the guests come simply for the purpose of getting a free feed, you will soon be made to realize it. The men will make a rush for the dining-room the moment the doors are opened, and stand around the tables gorging themselves until they can hold no more. Three rows of them can supply themselves directly with provender and drinkables, while those on the outside grab the bottles of wine and chicken salad, etc., from the waiters borne by the servants as the latter try to make their way through the crowd. You will refrain, however, from trying to clear the supper-room by imitating the expedient once adopted by the Chinese Minister here in such a case—burning pepper—because your object is to get into Washington society at any cost, and this is your first step in that direction. It will not occasion you too much discomposure when you observe that your guests dispose of the soiled plates by throwing them under the tables, and your wife and daughter will merely smile graciously as hiccoughing good-nights are addressed to them by young men who have difficulty in concealing a quart bottle of extra-dry champagne under each arm, beneath their dress-coats; nor will you be otherwise than philosophical about it when you discover, after the final departure of the company, including the removal of a few gentlemen who have accidentally fallen asleep on the stairs, that many articles of silver, as well as the more readily portable of the parlor ornaments, have also disappeared. For this, you see, must all be gone through if you are to get into society at the national capital.

Far from being discouraged, you give other entertainments, each one a little more select than the last—your wife weeding her invitation list continually of the most undesirable people—until at length a pretty fair sort of crowd comes to your balls and parties.

The most exclusive circle of fashionable society in Washington is defined by the membership of the Dancing Class, the Bachelors' German Club, and the Bowling Club. The Dancing Class consists of 100 young men and women; it is run by the women, and the men are honorary members. The Bachelors' German Club includes the most popular of the Washington young men and a few of the more youthful members of the diplomatic corps. Its balls are altogether the swellest entertainments given at the capital; the girls all wear their very best gowns at them, and to be invited to receive for the club is the acme of a woman's ambition.

The third distinct branch of Washington society is the official. The President leads this, of course, with his formal entertainments to Congress, the diplomatic corps, the marine corps, the army, navy, judiciary, and the public at large. Cabinet officers entertain usually on the same principles; likewise, to a certain extent, Senators and Representatives, if they wish. No exclusive principle is exercised. Any one may leave cards on the wives of the highest public officials and receive cards and invitations to receptions in return. It is this fact, presumably, that has given rise to the notion that anybody may get into Washington society; but the fact is that this official society is as distinct from fashionable society as it is from the old Washingtonian crowd. Official rank in fashionable society here is only valuable to a modified extent. If a high official is also a fashionable man his place lends him prestige; but, if he isn't a fashionable man, he won't be in that sort of society at all. Cabinet officers are necessarily exceptions to this rule. It is a rare thing to meet a member of Congress, even a Senator, in fashionable society; if a Senator or Representative entertains at all, he is more apt to be a diner-out and a giver of

AFTER THE "WEEDING" PROCESS.

dinners than to go in any especial set. The army and navy, taking them at large, are within the lines of official society, but being in the army and navy does not give a man fashionable position. The navy men are much more apt to be socially available than those of the army, who spend so much of their lives on frontier posts. Emerson says that life on the sea polishes men. So it does, and, besides, naval officers see a great deal of the best society in all parts of the world while in port. One of the gay boys who sail the ocean blue, now in Washington, is said to have led germans in every port of the civilized world.

LETTERS FROM THE CORNERS.

NECK OR NOTHIN' HALL,
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MR. EDITUR: It were tolable late in the evenin when we got to Joshuas.

They live on to a farm an hev things fixed purty tolable cumfitable, an Joshua sed we'd all go to bed airly thet nite sose him an paw cood git an airly start an go a fishin next day.

It were along bout 2 o'clock in the mornin, I gess, when I heerd sum one a nockin on to the dore an Joshua a talkin to em.

"Whose thare?" ses he, an I nudged Willam Henery to wake him up in case he wus neaded.

"Open the dore an see," ses sum one.

"Be you white caps?" ses Joshua, kindy tiambly.

"No, sir; we're blue caps, or sogers, arfter you to go to the encampment. Now you open the dore or into the gard house you'll go fur impidense to a superior ossifer." An by thet time I'd got Wm. Henery awake.

"What's the row?" ses he, a rubbin' his eyes.

"The sojers air hear arfter yure sun," ses I, sternly, es I buttoned my bask.

"I'll sojer 'em," ses he, a makein fur the dore.

"Willam Henery!" ses I, canly, "put on yure pants." An he cum back an put em on.

By thet time Joshua wus at the dore an he ses:

"Paw, I hate it awful bad, but I've got to go."

"Not ef you don't want to, my sun," ses Willam Henery, a straitenin up an swellin out his stummik tell he looked like a tode.

"Yes, I hev to go, paw, or they'd shoot me fur a desarter. You see, I'm a militery man, an hev to go at every call of my kintry!"

"Is thay a war bruck out?" ses the widder, a pokin her hed in to the dore, curl papers an all.

"Mite aboot es well be," ses Joshua, solemly. An Joshua's wife kim in a cryin, an the sojers wus a marchin back an forth, an 1 of em called out: "Hurry up thare, we're a gittin tired o' waitin."

An Joshua tole us he wus only a goin to a encampment of State militia an he woodnt be gon over a weak an mebby not thet long, an by thet time it wus 3 oclock an they tuck him an went off an Joshua's wife cride sum more, an arfter a while we all went back to bed an slep till mornin.

Willam Henery wus awful cranky next day. I don't no whether it wus cos he had the chores to do or what, but he wus tetchy, an one o the cows kicked a pale o milk on to him an he dreeped wus nor a maremaid, an the widder sed we'd hev to put him in to the churn and churn him, fur he wus so sour the milk soured es soon es it tetched him, an like things she sed, but he didnt pay no intention only to throw the stool at a ole cow.

But arfter we hed et brekfast he got better natured, an he an the widder sed thayd go an put the calves into the pastor, an Johnny went along; he's Joshua's oldest boy.

The fust thing we knowed, that is, Joshua's wife an me, thare went Sally a-holt of a brindle caf's tail an Willam Henery a-hittin it a belt every jump, an away thay went, lickety-brin.

Well, sir, I wus plumb beet out, an I jest sot down. "Well, I declare!" wus all I cood gaspout, an by thet time here thay kim back, havin put the calves into the pastor.

"Tell you what, Hester Ann, I beleave I'll try to git a pansion," ses Willam Henery.

"I shud think you'd nead one, frum the way you wus a cuttin aroun," ses I sturnly.

"Well, the widder is a purty fly ole gal," ses he, an dodged behind the rain barl to miss the deesh-rag she slung at him. So good-bye,

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