While the effect of the Northwich election upon the future of parties and statement absorbs the attention of politicians, the victory of the Home Rule candidate is admitted to be a personal one for the Gladstone family, and, in a special sense, for Mrs. Gladstone Her political power is essentially unlike that of Lady Holland, or Lady Palmerston, or Lady Beaconsfield. She has neither personal beauty nor vast wealth, nor blue blood lineage mor a London drawing room. But within ten years she has become an acknowledged power in shaping the course of political events, and this power has its source in her intellectual character and her high womanly integrity.

The Northwich contest had in it something actually personal between the families of Gladstone and the root and branches of the Groavenor stock. When, all but fifty years ago, Gladstone married Catherine Glynne, daughter of Sir Stephen Glynne of Hawarden of her father, were shy to awkwardness. She vas well educated, and by nature, as well as by attainments, well suited for the companion and clooses friend of the man who has been the greatest of England's statesmen. Family cares, which in time included eight children, evenly divided as to sex, absorbed her early prime; and a more lovable or loving household does not exist in the country. Most of them are cittler attached to the paternal home of them are brilliant in the shadow of their tather's greatness. But all are accomplished, dutiful, and exemplary.

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The home is Mrs. Gladstone's. The inheritance of Sir John Gladstone's son was chiefly commercial and personal; and great a financier as the Grand Old Man is for the Empire he was not particularly thrifty in keeping his own affairs in good shape. He spent money lavishly in travel and in the acquisition of the resources of mental pleasure with which Hawarden abounds. Their children were taught everything which money could procure. During all the intervening years between marriage and the maturity of the youngest it was impossible for the family income to be increased, except by the emoluments of office at intervals; and it is doubtful whether Mr. Gladstone is a pound better off for the princely salary he has had in Cabinets. None of the Gladstone sons added anything by marriage or otherwise to the family income; and the daughters married wisely, two of them, but not well in worldly, sense. In their enlightened and tender devotion to their family the Gladstones have shown that perfect probity and healthful sweet nature which as characteristic of them in all their social relations.

Whenever the young members of the Gladstone, they were very likely to meet the young members of the Groevenor family, for you must pass Eaton Hall, the ancient seat of the early, to reach Hawarden. The River Dee, while it divides Flintshire from Cheshire, cannot keep them apart around the curve where it deposited the Romans and pointed out to them a formidable site for walls and fortifications. Chester is the Latin castrum: and the ruins, all but invisible, moldy and hoary, still bear winness to the strength and thoroughness of Koman handiwork. The families became political angents of the Chester. His first wife, a daughter of the Duke of Sutherland, died leaving him seven children, of whom the late candidate, Lord Heary Groevenor, is the dearest of the office of the content of the condition of the care of the condition of the condition of the condition of the conditi

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cannot fight against the future. Time is on our side."

The reconciliation, political and social, was effected by Mrs. Gladstone. Nor was her task difficult. The old man is tenacious of trust and a sentimental friend to those who are invincibly loyal to him, but he has that noble philosophy of soul which discards enmuties and finds in human rivalry, antagonism and collision only passing interest. It is this nobleness of nature which enshrines a bust of his arch enemy, Disraeli, over one of his writing tables in the magnificent library at Hawarden. It is this magnanimity which seals his lips toward hectoring old John Bright.

But the motive of the Marquis of Westminster was not so pure. He still yearned for a meat among England's dukes. He assiduously contred the Gladstones, and the gossips even hinted at marriage between the young people—an absurd speculation. In 1874 the Marquis of the great commoner who had attained want from Dakota: "Only one, but it was supplied to the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained want of the control of the great commoner who had attained the control of the great commoner who had attained the control of the great commoner who had attained the control of the great commoner who had attained the control of the great commoner who had attained the control of the great control of the have of the great commoner who had attained by genius the necessary pitch of power which the wealth of the Grosvenors was unable to

the wealth of the Grosvenors was unable to compass. The Duke's gratitude was boundless. The story of the Millais portrait, painted to be worshiped and then sold with devision and contempt, is too familiar for repetition. The Duke was one of the first to oppose Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule conversion. Nor was he timorous or delicate in his desertion. He resorted to every device known to crafty politics to steal away seats in Liberal constituencies. His temants and servants were ordered within a year to vote on two occasions for Tories, and they tamely did so. The passion of the Duke toward the great Commoner gradually exceeded all bounds, and throughout Flint and Cheshire the old families became inflamed by the memory of his former treason, his professed repentance, and the fullness of reward

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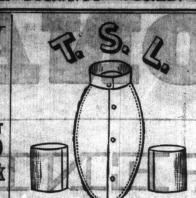
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