

as a literary woman. She is now about seventy-one years of age, but has control of her pen and works as hard as ever in the development of her great characters.

I may mention Mr. William Sharpe, a well-known poet who has died since. He has not only visited at my house but I have seen him and his wife frequently in London. I also had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Joseph Chamberlain when he was Secretary of State for the Colonies and had an interview with him. It is only necessary to state that he was the most charming and thorough man of affairs I have ever met among Englishmen. Most Englishmen have thrown round them a certain degree of dignity and restraint on such meetings, but Chamberlain had nothing of the kind and was free to talk upon all subjects that came within our ken. I have the advantage of subsequent correspondence with him which is placed among my chief memorials.

I had one evening at Greys Inn at a bar dinner, which was an affair that took place only once a year and was very much looked forward to as an occasion of interest. I was taken to it by Mr. Howard, and I had the pleasure of meeting a number of the most distinguished men in England, among others, Mr. Herschell, Lord Chancellor, Mr. Webster, afterwards Lord Alveston, Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Cardinal Vaughn, the Roman Catholic Archbishop. Lord Roberts was also there. He was received with a good deal of éclat when coming in. He was a man small in stature with rugged features; he looked like an old man then in 1895, although he did not die until 1915, and last and most important of all appeared Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, who was received with very great applause. He moved round and spoke to everybody with the greatest amiability. Probably he exerted himself on this occasion as he did on other occasions to make himself thoroughly well liked by all.

Theodore Roosevelt I met when President of the United States. I happened to be spending a day or so at Washington and expressed a desire to see Mr. Roosevelt, and Mr. Hitt arranged to take me to him. Those who are familiar with Washington are aware of the fact that special offices have been erected on the west side of the White House and connected with it. We entered the chief room, where people were assembled to see the President for a short time, and only remained a moment before he opened the door and saw the persons. He first met Mr. Hitt and was introduced to me. He immediately opened the door of his private office and told me to walk in, and he directed himself to seeing the dozen or so men, mostly senators and other prominent men, and did not occupy fifteen minutes altogether, and then he came into his private office.

There are differences of opinion in regard to Mr. Roosevelt's standing among the men of the United States and the world. He occupied at that time a position first in the United States because he was President and was bound to command great interest on the part of the citizens of that country. Many there were who believed him to be an able man; some, the greatest man of all, and some as entirely unfit for his position, but the prevailing sentiment at that time was that he was an extremely able and efficient President, and he had the ability to push matters through with resoluteness and determination, in fact one could read the history of the whole line of Presidents of the United States and scarcely an instance could be found in the case of one of them where the business relating to Europe and America had been carried with a determination and resolute will equal to that which Mr. Roosevelt had brought to bear upon all questions. He arranged and settled the strike of miners when all other influence had failed. He had taken possession of Panama in order