OF THE MAD MULLAH

BRIEF BUT INTERESTING SKETCH OF HIS CAREER.

Pilgrim and Pretender-Character and Temperament of the Dangerous Fanatic Was Entirely Changed as the Result of a Trip to Mecca-How He Gain-

Writing from Obbie, a special correspondent gives the following brief, but interesting sketch of the Mullah's career:

It is possible to doubt if the devout disciple of Mahomed Salih, sitting at the feet of the seer of Mecca In years now gone beyond remembrance, was then planning the triumphant displacement of the infidel within the confines of Somaliland. In those days, rather circumstances ge to show that he was the earnest seeker after a better life, and a true believer in the Scriptures as pro-pounded by his elders. However, his journey to Mecca brought about a rurious change in the character and temperament of the man. The teaching of Mahomet Salih appealed to his nature, and the Mullah returned to his own country with the intention of reviving the religious spirit of his people.

By hame Mahomed Abdullah, and

belonging to the Sabr Suleiman sec-tion of the Ogaden tribe in the southwest of the Somali country, he had married into the Ali Kherri, one of the Dolbahanta tribes in the southeast of the British protector-ate. By this means he had extended his influence from Abyssinia in the west to the borders of Italian Sc-

west to the borders of Italian So-mailiand in the east, when, after his return from Mecca, in 1895, he re-tired to Kob Fardo, his place of res-lidence, and a village inhabited by Mailiahs in the lolbehanta country, 270 miles from Berbera. Up to this point, Mahomed Ab-dullah had shown no very decided animus against the British suzerain-lay over Somaliland, and it appear-ed as he were content with the hom-age paid to his learning and devo-tional sincerity by the Ogaden and Dolbahanta tribes. His fame contin-ued to increase, and he won no lit-tals respect for his authority by the eribes electing to regard him as a

the respect for his authority by the tribes electing to regard him as a court of appeal in their tribal disputes. Similarly, and with some measure of success, he streve to put down rading. He also continued his pilgrimages to Mecca, every visit adding to his reputation and increasing his influence.

From these beginnings, he initiated in 1899 a religious movement in which he was at once joined by the tribes that hitherto had supported him, while a number of others identified thomselves with him at the time and deserted him at a later per-alod, as their interests dictated. His policy now underwent a change, and it was quite evident that Mahomed abdullah was exerting his influence Abdullah was exerting his influence to excite the tribes to rebellion against British authority. He resorted to force in his efforts to gain supporters where he had previously employed persuasion, and he levied tolls and fines as punishments upon these who withstood his overtures. Barly in 1899 he raided the terri-Barly in 1899 he raided the territory of the Habr Yunis, and, occupying Burao, the Mullah proclaimed his intention of ruling the interior as his own sphere and leaving the coast to the foreigners. After an immediate return to Bohotle, he re-appeared in August, 1899, at Burao, continuing his march with 5,000 men, of whom 1,500 were horsemen and 200 had rifles, to Upper Shelk.

In the meantime he moved as far
west as Odwein, harried the country
around Shelk and at the end of Sep-

tember withdrew to Bohotle, mov-ing thence to Lassader. His appearance at Upper Sheik cre-ated a scare at Berbara, only some fifteen miles distant, and with no very adequate means of defense, but the arrival at this port of H.M.S. Pomone and R.I.M.S. Minto, restor-gd confidence, The Mullah, however, advanced no nearer to the coast than Upper Sheik, claiming, when he saw the searchlights of the two ships from the peaks of the Golis range, that they were the eyes of God lookthat they were the eyes of God looking upon his crusade with favor. In other ways he began to boast possession of supernatural powers asserting that he could hear with his own ears in the Dolbahanta what was said about him in Berbara, and repeated the old story-familiar in the Soudan as among the Boxers—of being able to turn bullets into water. He was now animated by the Rer. He was now animated by the frenzy of the fanatic, and in subsequent raids his attacks were accommanied with fierce slaughter which made his name the terror of the tribes. He took the lives of those who refused to assist him, and ex-

who refused to assist him, and exsected instant and absolute submission in all who followed him.

Early in 1900 the Mullah raided
the Ogaden, obtaining the submission of the Rer Abdilleh, the Rer
Harum and the Rer Ali. In consequence of this, the Abyssinians sent
two forces of mounted infantry to
punish these tribes, but failing to
find the Mullah the Abyssinian colnums, after raiding the tribal territory, retired to Harrar and Jig Jigga. A few weeks later, in March,
the force in garrison at Jig Jigwas attacked by some six theusand core in garrison at Jig Jigga was attacked by some six theusand of the Mullah's followers, under the guidance of the principal officers, and incited by the Mullah himself. Anspired by an assurance that the Abyssinian bullets had been rendered powerless, the Mullah's forces attacked with the greatest gallantry, charging repeatedly up to the edge of the defences, and in several places seizing the rifles of the defenders before they were themselves shot down. In the end they were completely defeated, being repulsed with a loss of 2,650 killed. The Abyssinians were, however, toe shaken to pursue, and the Mullah was left for a time in undisturbed possession of Ogaden, maintaining his headquarters at Milmil with an escort of 500

defeated by the Abyssinians, the Mullah suffered little loss of prestige, and the number of his forces was not materially reduced. Arms continued to reach him, and in May, a short time after the fight at Jig Jigga, he felt himself strong enough to bring off a sudden raid upon British tribes in the Haud. By this swoop he captured 2,000 camels, and caused the British tribes to abandou the Haud British tribes to abandon the Haud in confusion. A company of the 2nd Battalion King's African Rifles that had arrived in the protectorate in the previous February was sent to Burao and to Odwein, but a few weeks later, in September, the Mul-lah repeated his foray in a different oirection. Upon this occasion he raided the Abyssinian Habr Awal at Herebe, capturing immense numbers of camels and live stock. The malarious condition of the Ogaden coun try, into when the Mullah had again retired, prevented the projected pur-suit by the Abyssinian force taking place, and the Somali and Abyssinian sections of the Habr Awal tool matters into their own hands. Their efforts were without material result and the Mullah was left in enjoyand the Mullah was left in enjoyment of his spoils. By this time the influence of Mahomed Abdullah dominated the southern portion of his own protectorate, as well as wide stretches inland in the Italian and Abyssinian spheres. It had now become an object of extreme importance to dislodge and to subdue him. In January, 1901, expeditions were arranged in conjunction with the Abyssinian force, and later in the same year the first British expedition was dispatched.—Manchester Guardian.

A ROYAL ARTIST.

Guardian

Duchess of Argyll Is a Woman of Muc.

The fuse which has been made over the picture of a friend exhibited by the Duchess of Argyll reminds one that the late Sir Edgar Boehm, who was a good judge, had a very high opinion of the Duchess' talent as an artist, and especially as a sculptor. She was his pupil and used often to visit his studio. She has a very practical studio at Kensington Palpractical studie at Kensington Palace, where she has executed most of her works, including the picture referred to above, the sitting statue of the late Queen which faces the Round Pond, the statue of the late Queen, which she did for Manchester Cathedral, and the bust of the late Queen which stands in the gallery of the Institute of Water Colors in Piccadilly.

The Duchess of Argyll has been fav-ored by time, and at the present day she hardly looks ever thirty. Her figure has preserved its grace and slimness. Her features are good; she has the long, straight nose and large eyes of the Royal family. Her hair is soft and abundant. She is a thorough mistress of the art of dress and ough mistress of the art of gress and is the best dressed of the Royal sisters. She has a certain amount of dramatic power and looked magnificent in the tableux vivants which Princess Beatrice used to arrange at Princess Beatrice used to arrange at Balmoral and Osborne in the last reign. Her musical talents have excited the admiration of so competent a critic as Herr Johannes Wolff, the violinist. Like all her family, she is keenly interested in charity.—London Tatler.

Sketch of Lady Jounne. Lady Jeune is well known for her ability to say a clever thing, and she has one most estimable trait, in that her cleverness is never bitter. She could not be unkind, even in an epigram. One of her delights is in mys-tifying people, especially those of an inquiring turn of mind, and, of course, says M.A.P., she has every opportunity of doing so at her athomes, where the best of cosmopolitan society has always been wont to gather. The following instance in point occurred some little while ago, but has never before seen the light of day in type. It happened at a morning reception (which was, of course, held in the afternoon) and the other actor it the interlude was a charming but talkative young lady. She was desirous of learning all about everything and everybody, and Lady Jeune had for a long time been doing her best to satisfy her inquisitiveness. Finally the fair one's athomes where the best of cosmopoliitiveness Finally the fair one's at tention was caught by a rather ec-centric-looking man, with a strong and clever face. He looked almost an ascetic, thin and sallow, but there and clever lace. He looked aimost an ascetie, thin and sallow, but there was no mistaking the fact that he was a "somebody." The girl was interested at once. "Tell me who that gentleman is," she whispered to Lady Jeune. "Which gentleman, dear?" "The one with the long hair—the clever-looking man over there." "Hush!" said Lady Jeune, with a beautiful air of mystery. "Don't talk about him. He is one of the most designing creatures that ever lived." And then she left the younger lady to her own resources, having said quite sufficient to arouse the demon of curiosity in all his strength and vigor. The fair questioner mused over the reply she had received, wondering that such a striking appearance could belong to a designing personality. She wanted further information, and sought for it. She formation, and sought for it. She asked another lady friend the name of the gentleman in question. "Oh, don't you know?" was the reply. "That is Walter Crane!"—the paint-

er, decorator and designer.

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Lincoln the Kind-Hearted.

A gentleman who knew Abraham Lincoln well, tells some stories, which The New York Tribune re-peats, of his well known kindness to children. He was one of the great men who have bigness enough to see things from the boy's point of view. If a man called on him with a child, Lincoln never forgot to shake hands with his younger visitor and say, something especially for his benefit. There is a story which has not been widely told of a young boy who been widely told of a young boy who served with distinction on board the gunboat Ottawa in a naval engagement, and on another occasion as captain's messenger. He was recommended to a cadetship at Annapolis, and was directed to report for examination in July.

Just as he was about to start for one it was discovered that he was

Just as he was about to start for home it was discovered that he was under the age limit; his fourteenth birthday did not come until the following September. The boy was greatly disappointed, as there was danger that another would be recommended in his place.

He was told that the President would make it all right. Soon after

would make it all right. Soon after he was taken to the White House and presented to Lincoln, to whom he made a graceful bow. The difficulty was explained and

the President said:
"Why, bless me, is that the boy
who did so gallantly in those two
battles? Why, I feel as if I should take off my hat to him, and not he

take off my hat to him, and not not to me."

The President wrote an order for the lad to appear in September, and putting his hand on the boy's shoulder, said:

"Now, my boy, go home and have good fun during the two months, for they are the last holiday you will get."

Swedish Marriage Customs.

The Scandinavian bridegroom presents to his betrothed a prayer-book and many other gifts, which usually include a goose. She in turn gives him, especially in Sweden, a shirt and this he invariably wears on his wedding day. Afterwards he puts it away, and under no circumstances will he wear it again while alive. But he wears it in his grave and there are Swedes who earnestly be-lieve not only in the resurrection of the body, but in the veritable resurrection of the betrothal shirts such husbands as have never broken any of their marriage vows. The Swedish widower must destroy on the eve of his second marriage the bridal shirt which his first wife gave

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For the Unlearned.

Before going to Cambridge a freshman had to-know one or two clementary phrases only used at the varsity. For instance, he is not going "down" to Cambridge, but "up," wherever he may be traveling from. He is never "in" Cambridge, but always "up," If he is leaving college for a day or two, he will tell his friends that he is going "down." He is not asked where, says Pearson's Weekly. One does not speak of a late member of the "varsity as having "left." He has "gone down." The first person you encounter on entering your rooms is not your landlady. She is your "bedder," which is an abbreviation of "bedmaker." In some colleges there are male bedmakers. These are known as "gyps." The custom of abbreviating words and adding the affix "er" is universal at Cambridge. One does not go to one's "lecker." Football (Rugby or association) is, "lecture," but to one's 'lecker."
Football (Rugby or association) is,
of course, as elsewhere, "footer"
(rugger or socker). The early meal
is always "brekker." But there is always 'brekker.' But there is also a purely 'varsity meal known as 'brunch.' This takes place on Sunday. It is a combination of breakfast and lunch, and does duty for both. It is taken after chapel, at bout 11.30 o'clock, and men usually dispense with any other meal until tea time.

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It is well to know that you do not "live" at Cambridge, you "keep." You will be asked "where are you keeping?" when friends inquire your address. If inside your college, you tell them that you 'keep in coll." You don't inquire if anyone is "dining in hall," but if they will "keep a hall." You "keep a chapel," and if you attend that of King's College, you say you are going to "keep a King's." The practice of "keeping" has passed all bounds among very slangy 'varsity men. They do not smoke a pipe, but "keep" one. If they are going to a theatre, concert or meeting, it is a case of "keeping." You even "keep" all at home, or a meeting with your tutor. If you are taking the tripos, or final examination for honors degree, you are going to "take a trip." If you hear yourself referred to as "stinks man" you might think people were speaking in uncomplimentary terms of you. It would be well to make sure first, however, for what is intended is only that you are taking the natural sciences tripose, which is known as "stinks." The laboratories are, of course, the "labs," those devoted to physiology "to see the propose of the physiology" they was a sure of course, the "labs," those devoted to physiology" pose, which is known as "stinks."
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rooms are, known as the "meat
shops." Mathematics are "maths."
A man who allows himself to be
suspected of too hard study and too
little sport is known as a "smug."
If he locks himself into his rooms to
discourage callers, he "sports." To discourage callers, he "sports." To "sport" is to lock the outer of your rooms. Men do this when of your rooms. Men do this when they go out for any length of time or wish to remain private. Your door, by the way, is known as your "oak." Some expressions much used outside the 'varsity are never heard outside the 'varsity are never heard among its members. For instance, nobody ever talks of an "undergrad." He is simply a "man"—though his years may not entitle him to the description. If his rank has to be referred to at all, one says "undergraduate" in full. There is no such thing as a "prof," though frequent use of the word, "professor" suggests the abbreviation. You never talk of a college man or a collegian. Anyone "up" at the university is known as a "varsity man." The names of the colleges are abbreviated, as most people know. St.

The names of the colleges are abbreviated, as most people know. St. Peter's College is "Pothouse," St. Catherine's is "Cat's," Magdalen is "Maudlen." St. John's is always "John's." and the boat club of that college is "Lady Margaret," while Caius College is pronounced "Keys." A man who poses as a sporting granded by warring exaggerated grandee by wearing exaggerated sporting clothes, or indulging in displays of wealth, physical prowess or other showy forms of conduct, is referred to as a "blood." To be detected by proctors breaking regulations by omitting to wear cap and tions by omitting to wear cap and gown at proper times, or by going to prohibited places, such as public to prohibited places, such as public-house bars, is known as being "progged." The men who assist the proctors in running refractory under-graduates to earth are "bulldogs." If your offense is serious you are confined to college after 8 o'clock ev-ery night. This punishment is known as being "grated."

As to Two Evils.

Theodore Hallam, one of the most celebrated of legal practitioners, once defended a burglar, and the case gave him a story that he never tired of telling. The prosecuting attorney was fighting vigorously and had the defendant's wife on the stand.

"You are the wife of the prisoners" he asked her.

"You are the wife of the prisoner?" he asked her.
"Yes," she replied.
"Did you know his mode of life
when you married him?"
"I did, sir."
"Will you tell us, then," went on
the prosecutor, surprised by this
admission, "how yo came to contract an alliance with one of his
kind?"

"Well," she answered ingenously, "I was getting on, the other girls had all been married, and I at last had no choice but between him and a lawver who was courting me.

England's "Celtie Fringe."

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There are some who profess to believe that the "Celtic fringe" of England's Government is soon to become an all enveloping mantle. Ireland, with the promotion of Sir Geo. White, has three field marshals. The adjutant-general is an Irishman, the quartermaster-general a Scotchman, the Permanent Under Secretary for War an Irishman and the Commander-in-Chief of India is Irishborn. There are four Scotchmen and three Irishmen in the Cabinet, both Archbishops are Scotchmen and the Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet is an Irishman.

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