genius, and uniting it with an energy and eloquence which his father did not possess. His mother, in her pride, predicted that "Ben would some day be Lord Chancellor or Prime Minister."

While still a minor, he wrote the novel of "Vivian Grey," which was published anonymously in 1826, and created no small sensation.

After several unsuccessful contests, Mr. Disraeli was at length returned to Parliament for Maidstone in 1837. His maiden speech is memorable for its unfavorable reception, and his prediction that "the time would come when the House would hear him,"—a prophecy which was very soon fulfilled.

In 1844, was published the most successful of Mr. Disraeli's writings—"Coningsby, or the New Generation," which ran through five large editions in as many years. It is the expression of the author's dissatisfaction with the policy and aims of the Conservative party, which came into power in 1841 under the leadership of Sir Robert Peel. In 1845, appeared "Sibyl, or the Two Nations," and "Tancred" was published two years later.

The death of Lord George Bentinck, in 1848, led to Mr. Disraeli becoming chief of the Opposition in the House of Commons. When his party came into power, in 1852, he was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer, which office he held at intervals until the retirement of Lord Derby, in 1868, raised him to the Premiership.

Born in 1805, Mr. Disraeli is now nearly sixty-five years of age, and still in full possession of the high parliamentary qualities which he displayed in his youth; while the last production of his pen, "Lothair," shows that his genius has lost none of the brilliancy of early days.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The puzzle which we inserted in the May number of the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY, has excited a good deal of interest throughout the country. The question to be solved was as follows:—

X. Y. & Co. employ an Agent—

They give him to start with, cash	$32.17
" " " goods	57.54
The Agent sells during the year, for cash	102.97
" buys " " "	59.91
" retains for salary	25.00
" at the end of the year returns goods to the value of	31.37

Do they owe the Agent, or the Agent owe them, and how much?

The answers which have been received have been very various. Some say that the balance due the company is $46.60; others that it is $33.34; another that it is $58.34; another $24.06, &c.

The following letter, which we print in full, contains a very complete statement of the true solution, which has also been obtained by one or two others:—

To the Editors of the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.

LEEDS, CO. MEGANTIC, 9th May, 1870,

GENTLEMEN:—In the NEW DOMINION MONTHLY for the present month there is a question of an Agent's Account, of which I take the liberty to send you a solution, which I think is correct.

The Agent is Dr. to the Company for the cash and goods he received, and also for whatever profit was made upon the sale of the goods, seeing that he was paid for his agency by a salary, and he is Cr. by the value of goods returned, the amount of his salary, and the balance he owes the company.

The profit upon the sale of the goods is easily found. He received from the company goods for $57.54, he purchased for $59.91, being in all $117.45; of which he returned to the value of $31.37, leaving $86.08, which were sold for $102.97, giving a profit of $16.89. This being ascertained, his account with the company will stand as follows:—

An Agent in account with X. Y. & Co.

DR.		CR.	
To amt. cash rec'd,	$32.17	By amount goods returned	$31.37
" goods "	57.54	" amount salary,	25.00
To profit on goods sold	16.89	" balance	50.23
	$106.60		$106.60

The Agent therefore owes a balance to the company of $50.23.

J. H.

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