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'SIR REGINALD."

SOME REMINISCENCES OF AN ENGLISH HOME.

BY EVELYN EVERETT-GREEN, AUTHOR OF "BARBARA'S BROTHERS," IN THE SUNDAY AT HOME.

CHAPIER III.-LITTLE REX.

Of course there was never in the world before such a baby as the little son and heir born at Warwick Hall in the bright midsummer weather of that very year. I could well remement matters herself. It began in the ber the fuss ther ewas when Sir Reginald himself was Lorn, and the asseverations of all who saw him that he was the bonniest baby ever seen. I was second housemaid then myself, and was a good bit in and out of the nursery, where my own aunt reigned supreme, so I was one of the little heir's most devoted admirers, as may well be guessed; but certainly it seemed to me now as though this new baby was prettier and more engaging in his little ways than any other morsel of humaninty that I had ever seen. The delight of his parents' over him was a sight to see. I was never tired of watching my lady's pretty ways with him, or his father's fond pride as he watched his sweet young wife as she fondled and cooed over her boy. Things were looking bright in every

way just then. The Colonel seemed to have passed out of the lives of my master and mistress for the moment, and I hoped for ever. Upon that very day when my lady received the letter from Miss Desborough, my master came in to find her agitated and unnerved, and on enquiring the cause with great anxiety, heard something of the matter that was troubling her. I do not quite know how much my lady told him. It med just the one subject she was a little shy of naming to her husband; but it was enough to make him understand that his present habits were causing her anxiety; and at that time he would have sacrified far more than the society of some amusing companions to have pleased and tranquillized his wife. He told me laughingly one day that her ladyship was growing neryous and fanciful, and must be humored; and that he meant to keep close at home till she was strong and well again. He certainly kept his word loyally, and as the Colonel was called away from home on some business shortly after this, sunshine and peace settled down upon the household, and I hoped that the trouble was at an end for ever. My lady quickly became herself again, and was happy and bright and gay; yet I thought that that one touch of trouble had done somethings towards forming her character, and was hopeful that the development from the child to the woman would progress steadily with the approach of new cares and responsibilities. After little Rex had been christened,

and my lady was about again, the doctor recommended change of air for her, and it was settled that she and her husband and child should accept an invitation from some relatives for a stay on the coast of Devonshire. My lady was as sorry as I was to say good-bye; but it had to be done; and Sir Reginald said it would have made things much more difficult hald I been going too. So the younger servants wer egiven holi-

THE ANGLO-SAXON.

bless him ! and he came to me at once; it; and that the one who loses to-day wins to-morrow, and so all comes square in the end. But the more I and my lady was as pleased as pleased, and declared he did remember, and think, the more it grieves me; and talked the prettiest nonsense you ever heard in your life, and made me sit what can I do to stop it when I am beside the fire and hold the baby only kissed and caressed and told to whilst she took her tea upstairs. 1 told her all the news of the Hall, and go to my baby or my dressing case for amusement ?" (To be Continued.) she told me all little Rex's doings and

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savings (though, of course, he could only babble and gurgle his baby-talk, the

pretty!) and I was that happy as you'll

It wasn't for some days that I had

time to think of anything but the de-

light of having my lady back to wait

upon; but, bit by bit, I saw that there

,had come a change over, and a change

to take more notice of things; to go

about the house and look into differ-

nursery, and I thought it might end

From the very first she had begun

was right glad to see.

there, but it didn't.

memory of his own mother."

gravity:

Well, I was pleased enough to hear

that, and pleased too with many other

changes I saw in my lady. There was

no shirking church on Sunday now, be

the weather what it might; and there

was never any dust on the Bible

Reginald came back from London on

an errand which had called him thither

almost immediately after his return

home, she said to me with unwonted

prayers again, as your master used to have them. It was partly my fault

it. I wish I had not been so careless

and frivolous. I know I have hurt my

more for things once; but when he

ing about them himself. But it doesn't

do, Neighbour, oh, it doesn't do !" and

found that out when I was ill, and everything seemed slipping away, and

me. And since I have had my baby

to love and to think for I have felt it

so much. He might be taken away

darlings before now; and oh, what

so simply that my own tears started

ought to be hallowed by meeting to-

together for prayers every day ?"

her sweet eyes filled with tears.

"Neighbour, I want to have family

well believe, and never thought of the

shadow gathering over our heads.

London, April '16.—At 4.52 o'clock, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the nationa the taxation. "Neighbour," she said to me in her the Exchequer, rose in the House of pretty way, as if I was a friend rather Commons, amid Conservative cheers, to deliver the speech introducing the than her servant, under her orders, "I want you to teach me to be a good Budget. He began by saying that deshousekeeper. I mustn't be a child any the fact that the expenditure of pite the last fiscal year had been larger longer. I must set an example to my little boy. Other women manage their than that of any year since the last great war, the surplus in the Treasury own houses and know all about them, was the largest that had ever been and my husband locks after the outdoor things and the land. I want to known, and the credit of the country was never so high. The yield of con-sols to the purchaser, he said, was just learn how to manage the inside part. Little Rex must not grow up to think his mother a useless, idle creature. My about half what it was a century ago, and a larger sum had been applied to Rex talks so much of his mother and all she did. I want my boy to respect and love me as his father does the the reduction of the National Debt than had ever before been applied in a similar period. The deposits in the

savings banks and the permanent accounts in ordinary banks, had mounted to an unprecedented point, and the production of gold throughout the world had been the highest ever known. The amount of bullion in the Bank of Engwhich lay upon the table by the bed, as once there had been by night time; and before Sit Beginald came had land was £49,000,000, and the reserve fund in the Bank, in proportion to its liabilities, was the highest on record.

WORKING CLASSES WELL OFF.

Continuing, Mr. Hicks-Beach said that the position of the working classes had never been so satisfactory, and the issue of postage stamps supplied the best possible measure of ascertaining that business transactions had never reached so great a volume. Altogether, they were given up. I thought it all a bore-l wasn't used to anything like he said, the past year had been a won derful one. The great triumphs of a chancellor of the exchequer, he said, was when the receipts and the estihusband by it. . He used to care much mates were equal, but the figures of this year became remarkable in refound they bored me he left off thinkspect of the receipts exceeding the es-timates. Everything, he declared, had had an upward tendency, especially during the latter half of '95. The increase in the value of exports, imports, railway earnings, and bankers and I did not know how it would go with clearing house returns showed a continuous expansion of trade. The revenue of the fiscal year had been £101,-974,000, while for the year 1894-95 the from me-other mothers have lost their revenue had been only £94,684,000, showing an increase of £7,290,000, and would it be like if I didn't have some making an excess of £5,812,000 over the assurance that I should find him again beyond the grave? I want to be good," she added, so earnestly and yet estimates. A great feature had been in the increase of the revenue from tobacco, wine and tea, the latter having steadily driven coffee out of the to my eyes. "I must learn to be good for my boy's sake. I must learn that I may teach him; and I think the day market. British and Irish spirits had also driven foreign spirits out of the market. The import of spirits had de-clined 19 per cent, and the popular gether for prayer all together once if not twice. Don't you think that a Christian household ought to gather taste for rum was greatly lessening. Tea had yielded £120,000 over the estimates, implying an increased consump-"Indeed, my lady, I do. I've always tion of 10,000,000 pounds of that com-"Indeed, my lady, I do. I've always then of noted on the section with this, he been used to it, and I miss it sadly," modity. In connection with this, he added, there was a large and welcome

to the thrift of the working classes. He did not think, however, that a large portion of the deposits in savings banks belonged to the wage earners, and he did not see why the state should undertake a banking business for persons who were able to take care of their own deposits, and he especially, could not see why the state should pay 21-2 per cent for savings bank deposits while money could be produced for less. Before long, he said, there might, therefore, be an alteration in the law which would reduce the interest on large amounts The country, Sir Michael said, might be proud of the enormous revenue, but it was in his judgment a grave question, whether the expenditure was not increasing faster than the permanent capacity of the nation could bear. (Opposition cheers() If the expenditure in-creased while the revenue was unelastic the country would be within a measurable distance of having to choose between putting an end to the reduction of the national debt and an increase of ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS.

Coming to the receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year. Sir Michael stated that the estimated expenditures were £100,047,000 and the estimated revenue £101,755,000, leaving an estimated surplus of £1,708,000 which was proposed to apply the reduction of the maximum rate on land 4 shillings in the pound to one shilling. It was also intended to increase the grants for education, leaving a modest sur-plus for the contingencies. In conclus-ion the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to allot the sum of £975,000 to the Agricultural Rating and £433,-000 for educational purposes, leaving a moderate surplus for any contingenoies that might arise.

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days and went to their homes, and we older ones settled down to quiet life such as we had led before the master had brought his bride home at all. The stay in Devonshire lasted longer than any of us had expected. The air suited my lady, the baby throve amazingly, we heard, and the master was scouring Exmoor first after otters, and later on with the bounds, and it seemed as though they had no present intention of returning. One in September the master came

home for a week to see how things were going on, and Colonel Desborough, who had now got back, looked him up immediately, and they met almost every day. I was sorry for this, as I had hep-ed that this friendship had come to an end; but from a few chance words dropped by my master to me one day I saw very plainly that he had not taken my lady's words, whatever they were, seriously at all. He had put down her uneasiness about the Colonal to a fit of nervous depression, and by this time the impression, if one had really been made, had faded entirely from his mind. It was natural, to be sure, that he should like to see a face opposite him at table; and a game of billiards upon the capital table afterwards was a natural receration But it made me a little unenough. the master went across to dine with the Colonal, for then he did not come we encourage them. I used to do it easy all the same, and especially when home till far into the night, and he myself once whenever I had the generally role late next day, and some times complained of headache, and and I have seen them sitting in the looked out of corts and uncomfortable. smoking-rooms of big houses, smoking

blers his little heart !--I could almost have devoured him with kirses. And he warn't shy a bit, the darling ! though

answered. "I know times an ions change; but somehow I don't think household wheels go right without the household meets reverently and regularly, if it is only for a few short minutes, to ask God's blessing on us. l've seen a difference in the young ones since prayers has been left off. I'll be right got to see them begun

"I will speak to the master when he comes home," said my lady, "I do not think he will deny me. But I wish I had been a better wife to him from the first. He thinks I am still a child, and though he is all kindness and good-ness he does not think I know any-think of the world. I don't know whether I do, or whether I wish to. Neighbour, I'm afraid the world is a very wicked place. I have seen and heard such things and such talk in people one would have thought so well of. Oh, I don't want to be unkind! I don't want to be uncharitable; but there is so much I used never to see, never to think about till just lately. Men seem always to be gaming or laying bets together. I used not to care bit; but I do now. I think of my a little boy, and how I should feel if I were to see him going on like that, and sometimes using words that a little while ago I am sure men never used in the presence of ladies. And, Neighiooked out of corts and uncomfortable. But when the business which had brought him was ended, he went back to join his wife again, and two months more passed by before we heard that the whole party was about to return home for the winter. Well. I was rarely glad to see my doing a thing like that ?" And, Neigh-Well, I was rarely glad to see my lady again. As for the baby-why, bless his little heart !--I could almost whisper, "I sometimes wonder how it

growing old enough to know strangers and to cry sometimes if they took him. But it was as if he remembered me,

the tea trade from China to British India and Ceylon. (Cheers.) The receipts from wines, he said, had been $\pounds 1,256$, 000. This seemed to be largely due to increased consumption of vinous liquors by members of the Stock Exchange and speculators, who, it appeared, consoled themselves in non-success and rejoiced in success in the consumption of champagne. In this way he accounted for the dealings in 1,200,000 extra bottles of champagne.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

After referring to the great increase in the excise and in the death duties the Chancellor of the Exchequer turned to the expenditures of the government which, he said, had reached the total sum of £97,764,000, leaving a surplus of £4,208,000, which would be applied as explained in the Naval Works bill. During the year, he continued, the na-tional debt had been reduced £8,134,-

In thirty-nine years, he explained, $\pm 190,000,000$ of debt had been paid off- $\pm 100,000,000$ of which had been paid in the last thirteen years. (Cheers.) Some persons, he said, had denied the wisdom of this, but it was his own opinion that by this self-denying course the country had raised up a revenue of incalculable importance. If a time of need should come when the country would again have to fight for its life the reserve would enable it without imposing a penny of taxation to raise £200,000,000 for defence without imposing an atom more debt upon the people than the nation had borne in 1857, without a murmur. (Cheers.)

ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE

The total deposits in the savings banks, Sir Michael stated, were now £144,000,000, which was a matter for congratulation as far as it was due **Shaftesbury Hall**, **Toronto, Ont.**

discussed in the lodge room. The Society is secret in its proceed. ings to enable members to protect each other and prevent imposition-for

which purpose an initiation Ritual is provided, imposing obligations of fidelity to the principles of the Society on all who join it.

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The Beneficiary (Insurance) Department is providing insurance to the members for \$1,000 or \$2,000 as desired, During the year, he continued, the na-tional debt had been reduction on record, with the exception of the reduction during the year 1894-95. The unfunded debt stood at the lowest point it had reached in twenty-one years, and the funded debt not materially increased since the Crimean war. MAY REDUCE INTEREST. In thirty-nine years, he explained, May and is conducted on the assessment sys tem. The assessments are graded. A total disability allowance is also cov-tore are no disability claims in class "B." No Englishmen need join other organizations when the inducements of this Department are considered. Englishmen forming and composing new lowers derive excentional advant-

new lodges derive exceptional advant-ages in the initiation fees, and 12 good

ages in the initiation lees, and is good men can start a lodge. In our lodge rooms social distinctions are laid aside and we meet on the common level of national brotherhood, in patriotic association for united counsel and effort in maintaining the great principles of our beloved Society. As such we can appeal to the sympathetic support of all true Englishmen—asksupport of all true Englishmen-ask-ng them to cast in their lot with us, thereby swelling the grand roll of those bound together in fraternal sympathies and in devotion to England and the grand cause of British freedom. Any further information will be obserfully given by the undersiged.

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