

By Way of Pedagogy.

School Teachers Have a Better Chance for Statesmen's Jobs.

No statesman has made a stronger mark for himself in the history of Great Britain than the present Prime Minister, for, whatever the views may be with regard to the Prime Minister's policy towards the House of Lords, it cannot be denied that in the face of odds that appeared insuperable to most of his predecessors in office he has been successful in bringing about the most revolutionary change that has taken place in the written and unwritten constitution of England since 1688, when James II. was deposed and the Protestant occupancy and succession of the throne of the country assured.

It may be, therefore, of timely interest to recall that Mr. Asquith acquired his habits of mastery over his ministerial colleagues and over the members of the Liberal party (except, of course, the Irish) as a school teacher. His father was far from rich, and, destining him to a commercial career, sent him to the City of London School, where he distinguished himself as a scholar, but not as a schoolboy. That is to say, he showed no taste whatsoever for the sports and games of the institution. He carried off, however, all the school prizes, including an Oxford University Scholarship, and entering Balliol College, from which so many men, of note have been graduated, became one of its most brilliant lights, and one of the bright particular stars of Dr. Jowett, its famous master, achieving a degree of prestige among his fellow students which eventually led to their electing him president of the celebrated debating club known as the Union.

Having thus made his mark at Oxford, he returned to London to study for the Bar. The regular course extends over a period of three years, and throughout this time, having only small means of his own, he earned his living as an assistant master at his old school, that of the City of London. It was not until some time after receiving his "call," in 1876, when he succeeded in establishing a legal practice sufficient to keep body and soul together, that he gave up his teachership. These few years of assistant mastership at the City of London School have proved of inestimable value to Mr. Asquith.

Evidence of the practical acceptance of this view may be obtained by a glance around Europe, where schoolmasters are to be found occupying so many of the high offices of the Government of their country that one is led to the belief that the pedagogue's desk is, after all, perhaps the most advantageous stepping-stone to high political preferment, and that teaching boys furnishes the best training for Cabinet office.

Items of Interest.

William A. Slater, Jr., son of a wealthy New York man and himself the possessor of a large fortune inherited from relatives, will, after the holidays, join the ranks of the millworkers, entering a yarn mill at Jewett City, Conn. He recently became of age and expressed a preference for a practical education rather than a college training. He will begin work at the bottom.

The comfort of horses is studied in Kansas. A new rule that works well there is to put into livery stables all horses found standing unblanketed. The owner is compelled to pay the costs of this procedure and soon learns that his horses must be made comfortable before leaving them. It has superseded the system of arrests and fines and seemingly increases the number of humane persons.

At Morris, Ill., excitement has been caused by the finding of gold in the gizzards of ducks killed on Aux Sable Creek. A hotel chef was first attracted by the brilliancy of particles in the gizzards on Thanksgiving Day. When it was found where the ducks came from, hunters went out and brought in more of the fowls. The gizzards of these were found to contain the same substance. Many believe that a rich strike may be located.



A YULE-TIDE MESSAGE!

Santa Claus SAYS:

Since I first began my yearly travels over the wide, beautiful world to cheer, comfort and gladden homes, it has remained for me to learn and observe, with great pleasure, on this my approaching Yuletide visit to Newfoundland, that the people here have a real, genuine and generous opportunity for a very small cash outlay to give and bring happiness to all that are near, dear, and those they wish to cheer.

No one need be deprived of a gladdening Xmas remembrance as the Forced Sale of the C. L. March Co., Ltd., Entire Stock enables all to indulge in the exceedingly small outlay this Forced Sale affords to send a token that conveys Yuletide's message of Xmas Happiness.

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Here are some of the more Suitable, Desirable and Serviceable of Xmas Gifts and any amount of other goods are to be seen by coming to this Store.

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- Traveller's Dress Cases, \$1.50 to 3.00
- Sewing Boxes, 50c value, for 25c
- Very Fine Jewel Cases, reg \$5 going for \$2.50.
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- Fancy Glass Powder Jars, reg. 75c. for 40c.
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- Pure Linen Repp Stationery, 16 cts. per box.
- The New Smooth Ivory, per package of five quires, 30c.
- 54 piece Dinner Sets, Ruby printed and Dorothy, \$6.50.
- 70 piece Sets, the very best China, for only 16.50.
- Sets of Jugs—3 in set—printed, for only 45c.
- Sets of Jugs—3 in set—Litho & Gold, for only 50c.
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- Fancy Teapots, for only 45c.
- 21 piece China Tea Sets, China printed and Gilt, for \$2.50.
- 40 piece China Tea Sets, China printed and Gilt, for \$4.50.
- 6 piece Fancy Toilet Sets, assorted, Printed and Gold, for only \$8.50.
- 3 piece Toilet Sets, for only 95c.
- 5 piece Toilet Sets, for only \$1.50.
- 6 piece very fine Toilet Sets, up from \$6.00.
- Cheese Dishes, beautiful assortment, up from 40c.
- Fancy Decorated Cups and Saucers, up for only 10c.

- A very select stock of Fancy and Decorated Glassware, all to be sold at great Sacrifice prices.
- Decorated Fern Pots, up from 45c.
- Belt Pins, 16 cents.
- Side Combs, 12, 17 and 21c.
- Barrettes, 10, 12 and 15c.
- Purses and Card Cases, 16, 21, 26, 65 and \$1.20
- Hand Bags, 80c, \$1.40, 2.30 and 3.00.
- Ladies' Belts, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50c. each
- White Aprons, 21, 25, 30, 33, 45, 50 and 55c. each.
- Sleeve Links, 15, 20, 25 and 28c
- Silk Handkerchiefs, 50, 70, 75, 80, 90c
- Excelsa Handkerchiefs, Initial, 18c
- Ladies' Blouses, Kid Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Collars.
- Men's Mufflers, dark and fancy, 21c and 45c.
- Black and White Check Muffler, 31 and 59c
- Black Silk Mufflers, 99c
- Ladies' Cream Silk Blouses, \$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 2.75.
- Colored Silk Blouses, \$2.30, 3.30, 3.90.
- Black silk Blouses, \$1.50, 2.50, 3.30, 4.50.
- Ladies' Lace Collars, in Stocks, Dutch and Coat, from 15c. to 45c.
- Ladies' Handkerchiefs, hand stitched, plain and embroidered, 9c. 12c. to 20 cents.
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- Hair Barrettes, 12c., 15c. and 18c.
- Gents' Lined Kid Gloves, 95c. & \$1.40.
- Childs' Coat and Bonnet Sets, Velvet, \$3.95.
- Childs' Coat and Bonnet Sets, Corduroy, Velvet and Colored Cloth, 3.25
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- Childs' Wool Caps, assorted colors, 32 and 42 cts.
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- SILVERWARE**
- Silver Bon-Bon Trays, \$4.00 value for \$2.00.
 - Silver Cake Dish, \$8.00 value for 4.50
 - Silver Pickle Stand, \$6.75, for \$4.50.
 - Silver Fruit Stand Dish, \$10 value, for \$6.00.
 - Silver Toast Carriers, \$4.50 value, for \$2.75.
 - Gentlemen's Silver Shaving Mugs, 80c. to \$2.25.
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- FURNITURE.**
- WICKER ROCKERS**
at Forced Sacrifice Prices
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Genuine Leather Spring Cushin'd
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Forced Sacrifice Price
\$7.50
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Forced Sacrifice Price
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- SOLID OAK SPRING CUSHIONED ROCKER**
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- MORRIS CHAIRS**
Forced Sacrifice Prices
\$8.00 to \$12.50
- MUSIC CABINETS**
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\$11.50 to \$13.50
- LADIES' SECRETARIES.**
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\$6.95 to \$16.50.
- HALL STANDS**
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\$12.00 to 27.50.
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- LOUNGES.**
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- BUFFETS.**
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Never before within the Christmas Shopping Season has an opportunity been offered the public to buy Christmas Gifts at less than the usual big Holiday Prices. But this Forced Sacrifice Sale of the C. L. March Co.'s entire stock taking place at this Holiday Season period gives Christmas Buyers the most remarkable and unheard of chance to buy Christmas Gifts positively at less than actual cost to produce. This Forced Sacrifice Sale means a considerable loss to the C. L. March Co., Ltd., but grim necessity admitted of no alternative, SO OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN. Under no consideration buy any Christmas Gifts low until you have visited this great Sale, looked over our big and fine Furniture stock and seen the exceedingly sacrifice prices MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

C. L. MARCH CO., Ltd.,
The Big West End Store, Corner Water and Springdale Streets.

My Ain Countree

I am far frae my hame, on I'm weary
afternwhiles
For the langed for hame bringing, an'
my Father's welcome smiles;
I'll ne'er be fu content, until my e'en
do see,
The gowden gates o' heaven, an' my
ain countree.

The earth is fleck'd wi' flow'rs, mony
tinted, fresh, and gay
The birdies warble blithely, for my
Father made them sae;
But these sights an' the soun's will
as naething be to me,
When I hear the angels singing in my
ain countree.

I've His gude word of promise that
some gladsome day the King
To his ain royal Palace His banished
hame will bring;
Wi' een an' wi' hearts running owre
we shall see
'The King in His beauty,' an' our ain
countree.

My sins hae been mony, an' my sor-
row hae been aye,
But here they'll never vex me, nor
be remembered mair;
His bluid hath made me white, His
hand shall dry mine e'e
When He brings me hame at last to
my ain countree.

Like a bairn to its mither, a wee
birdie to its nest,
I wad fain be ganging noo unto my
Saviour's breast;
For He gathers in His bosom witless,
worthless lambs like me,
An' carries them Himself to His ain
countree.

He's faithfu' that hath promised,
He'll surely come again,
He'll keep His trust wi' me, at what
hour I dinna ken;
But He bids me still to watch, an'
ready aye to be
To gang at any moment to my ain
countree.

So I'm watching aye an' singing o'
my Hame as I wait,
For the soun'ing of His footfa' this
side the gowden gate;
God gie His grace to lika ane wha
listen noo to me,
That we may a' gang in gladness to
our ain countree.

Lines added by the late Margaret
Drysdale, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

An' when I am lonesome an' my heart
is yearnin' sair
Tae meet the freens I love sae weel
that here I'll ne'er see mair,
'Tis sweet to ken in yon fair land
they're lookin' oot for me,
Tae gie a richt glad welcome tae our
ain countree.

Then wi' lika gift expanded that we're
endowed wi' noo,
We'll bless an' praise the source o'
a' that's beautiful an' true;
For death can never change us, twill
only set us free,
Tae be wi' Christ for ever in our ain
countree.

A Perpetual Pension.

An interesting fact has come to light in connection with Mr. Smith, a groom, who has lately taken up his residence at Peterborough, viz., that his family have been drawing a pension from the British Government for the space of 276 years.

Mr. Smith, who draws thirty shillings a week, explained in an interview the history of the pension. It appears that after the battle of Worcester an ancestor of Smith assisted Prince Charles to escape, and was one of those who helped to hide him in the famous oak tree. Years passed, and it was not till 1675 that King Charles II. was informed of the incident. Parliament, on the advice of the King, was not slow at rewarding those who had rendered services, however slight to the sovereign. The consequence was that Mr. Smith's ancestor was placed on the perpetual pension list at the rate of thirty shillings a week, with the result that the family have received (in round figures) something like \$107,500 since the pension was granted.

Mr. Smith's father, it appears, parted with the pension to another person while he lived, but on his death it reverted again to his eldest son, and in turn it will descend to the present pensioner's eldest child, and so on. It is stated this perpetual pension is the only one of its kind in existence.—London Daily News.

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