

THE GRAND OLD MAN.

Political Prospects Discussed by the Sage of Hawarden.

We Hopes to See the Ancient Castles Destroyed - The Rights of Ireland and Scotland Acknowledged - And the Land and Labor Problems Satisfactorily Adjusted - The Record of a Remarkable Interview.

(Edinburgh Correspondence Brooklyn Eagle)

A few days ago while on my way from London to Edinburgh I stepped off at Chester, and after a short drive found myself at the Glynne Arms Hotel, Hawarden, and just opposite the main entrance to Hawarden Castle, the home of Hon. William Ewart Gladstone.

Armed with a letter of introduction I soon found myself ushered into the presence of the best known man in the British Empire. His reception of me was at the same time dignified and affable, but as far removed from any appearance of relaxation as from familiarity.

"I need scarcely inform you," said he as soon as I was seated, "how desirous I am to be well thought of in America, and I am sure the friendly feeling I entertain for the people of the United States is largely reciprocated by them.

Relative to Home Rule for Ireland, I have not much to say, as it would certainly be impolitic for me to make any statement now which I have not uttered already in public.

"People complain that the leaders of the reform party are not sufficiently explicit in defining the powers and limitations of the proposed Irish parliament, but those of persons seem to forget that, if such a parliament is created, it must have something to say as to its functions and the limits of its powers, unless it be merely deliberative and advisory.

Farther, it would be impossible for the most far-seeing statesman to anticipate all the contingencies arising from the complex relations of public life. A just policy will concern itself principally with what is right and leave questions of mere expediency to candidates whose moral perceptions are less influenced by conscience than by self-interest and personal predilections.

It is quite safe for nations, as for individuals, to do right; but whether safe or not, right is obligatory. The question to be considered is, 'Is Home Rule for Ireland right?' and, if it be so, it should be granted. That there may be details in connection with the scheme that do not admit of easy explanation is not wondered at; but as I am not a political pessimist, I am ready to hope that any difficulties that may be encountered shall be of such a nature as to be readily overcome.

"Whatever the Irish Home Government may choose to do when they have Home Rule is not our affair. It is a question which it is not necessary to take into view. What immediately concerns the British public is the question of doing justice to Ireland and remedying the character of England from the disfavor which attaches to it all over the world for its treatment of Ireland during the last 700 years.

that their tendency (especially the last great strike in London) has been somewhat to strengthen the position of labour in the face of capital and to bring about a more firm establishment of just relations and a fair principle of division in the fruits of industry.

"In the matter of education, especially that bearing on practical life, Americans are better educated than Englishmen, and in displaying their ingenuity in inventions have left us far behind.

Respecting the probabilities of his accession again to power, Mr. Gladstone remarked that though the result of the by-elections was of such a character as to make him most sanguine of the speedy return of his party to power, his hope of it was a commensurate one based solely on that fact, but as well upon the assured conviction that the tide of public opinion was surely turning in their favour.

Mr. Gladstone lives a very regular life at his home. He breakfasts lightly about 7 o'clock, and shortly before 8 walks to the church for prayers. To the intelligent observer the sight of the great statesman walking to church at this early hour in the morning cannot fail to be interesting. Clad in a long coat, buttoned tightly, with a long shawl wrapped closely around his neck, and wearing a soft felt hat, his appearance is decidedly picturesque.

Upon his return to the castle from morning prayers, he retires to his study, where he reads and answers, with the aid of his secretary, his enormous mass of daily correspondence.

There is no regular hour for luncheon at the castle and it is partaken of by those at home at various times. In the afternoon Mr. Gladstone takes a walk in the grounds, and if the weather is propitious, usually engages in his favorite exercise of tree-climbing. His dinner at 10 o'clock, afterward reads or writes and at 10 o'clock, he usually drinks his beer with his hand and a glass or two of claret or port at dinner.

Mr. Gladstone usually has three books in reading at the same time, and changes from one to another as his mind reaches the limit of absorption, or when he fancies that the volume in hand has interested him just enough not to be the sole object of his thought. I fancy that this mode of reading is intended to be corrective of a natural disposition of his mind to devote attention to some particular subject to the exclusion of everything else.

In Mr. Gladstone's study, beside his books, which are seen everywhere, there are three writing desks in the room, one chiefly reserved for political correspondence, and another used by Mr. Gladstone. The library at Hawarden Castle contains more than 20,000 volumes, which are freely loaned to almost any person in the neighborhood who wishes to read them.

At one time this library was unlimitated but the privilege was so much abused by some persons that a few years ago a rule was laid down limiting the time for which a book might be kept to one month. With this exception, however, Mr. Gladstone's library is still the free loan library of the whole country.

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RETURNING. The Drift Towards Ostholism. The saying of Cardinal Newman that there is no middle ground between Rome and rationalism is being verified by the trend of events. What are the Protestant Bible revisions and creed revisions, but concessions to the rationalistic spirit?

By their constant exegetical trimmings Protestant theologians of every respectable sect have unconsciously cut the ground from under apostolical and Christian belief. All Christian doctrine is so correlated that the displacement of one doctrine brings down the whole Christian structure in ruin. This Protestantism has done. Luther was the first apostle of rationalism and announced the cardinal principle of rationalism in the doctrine of private judgment.

character or prominence that have left the Church for Protestantism; and while there is a steady and constantly increasing stream of tendency that makes from Protestantism, for rationalism, there is not the same defection from Catholicism to rationalism.

The only great name that went out of the Church to join the rationalist ranks is that of Kenan, Catholic Sentinel.

ELECTRICITY AWES A CITY. It Fairly Drips From the Wires in St. Louis and Causes a Famine.

St. Louis, January 7.—The sudden advent of rain and snow, forming sleet, has transformed the business of the city into a grotto of icicles which swing on the electric wires, emitting flashes of various colored light at frequent intervals.

At times to-day a wire sagging beneath a heavy weight of ice would touch another wire. The blue sparks would fly and sizzling blue flames succeed until the fusing of the wires caused them to part and fall crackling to the sidewalk.

Then the crowds would scatter, falling over each other in the anxiety to reach a place of safety. Accidents from electric wires have been so frequent that hardly one man in a thousand will go near a fallen wire.

St. Louis, January 7.—Frank Mahon, a fireman is another victim of the wires. He was employed by the Missouri Electric Light company, and was sent to the engine house yesterday to repair a line that was out of order. He went to the top of the house and soon after the fireman heard about the screams of agony.

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"La Grippe" or Lightning Catarrh. Mr. Editor—"La Grippe," or Russian influenza, as it is termed, is really an epidemic catarrh, and is called by some physicians "lightning catarrh," from the rapidity with which it sweeps over the country.

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EQUAL RIGHTS—WATERLOO.

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Resolved, first, that this meeting, having no sympathy with the objects of the Equal Rights association as laid down by its authorized exponents from the platform this evening, desires to repudiate all responsibility for this view.

A CHARTY FALLS THROUGH. The Ministering Children's League, of Ottawa, Canada, on a Question of Administration. OTTAWA, January 7.—Lady Stanley of Preston has resigned the presidency of the Ministering Children's League.

Everybody knows him; in fact, he makes himself very much known in every parish and seems to try on the general concourse which he introduces into the community; he was present when the first spadeful of earth was turned, in excavating for the foundation of his parish church.

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