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Among the modern leaders of American party politics James G. Blaine stood easily first. In the power of drawing to himself the admiration of great masses of the people, and of arousing the enthusiasm of his followers, he had no equal in either political camp.

A certain lack of prestige which marked his brief service in the Senate may be traced directly to the circumstance that he was not a trained lawyer. No man has ever made a career in the Senate—that graveyard of Presidential hopes and coffin of slain ambitions—who was not. But as a commoner upon the floor of the national House of Representatives, Mr. Blaine was a Titan. He was a Titan before the people. He was a Titan among his political associates in the closet and at the round table where party plans are laid and party plans decided.

Mr. Blaine's lot was cast in high party lines. In political controversy he neither asked nor gave quarter. But in his private intercourse he was altogether free from political prejudices, unreserved and generous to his adversaries, genial to all, and altogether delightful as a companion. He was not so august as Clay nor so unguarded as Douglas, but he will rank with those for a party leader and be classed with them and compared to them by the biographers, for as political chieftains and popular debaters the trio possessed much in common.

Peace to the ashes of a noble adversary! All