

LETTER FROM LONDON.

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Mr. Gladstone is no longer Prime Minister of England. On Saturday last he resigned the seals of the Treasury into the hands of her Majesty, and passed away for ever from that position of authority and power which, since the death of Lord Palmerston, and whether in office or in Opposition, has made him the most interesting of living Englishmen. Since the death of Lord Beaconsfield he has hardly had a rival. His resignation has been for weeks together the chief topic of the breakfast table and the last subject of the supper room. We have lived with him, so to speak, as we live with few great men. Lord Beaconsfield, to the last, was something of a "Mystery Man," and we caught glimpses of his inner nature only when he made cynical jokes, or composed epigrams or struck an attitude for the sake of effect. Sir Stafford Northcote was, outside his public life, known to the world as the amiable teller of the very best Devonshire stories. Lord Salisbury immerses himself at Hatfield. But everybody knows Mr. Gladstone. His talk always overflowed. We have grown so used to him, that the political world will not be the same for many a long day, now that he ceases to be the chief figure in it. A remarkable fact is that his disappearance from leadership has been received with every display of good feeling by his political opponents; in a way, indeed, purely English. We cannot forget the personal pathos of the situation; in his declining years he gave himself to the gigantic enterprise of reconciling the antipathies of two hostile nations, and he finds himself obliged to retire with his task unaccomplished. What a splendid fight he has made. He has shrunk from no ordeal, and stopped at no obstacle. In the dire straits he has held his head high, and preserved a splendid courage. Nothing has daunted him. Three times, at least, the cause would have suffered complete shipwreck but for this unquailing captain, heedless of storms. But now the end has come. The fourth Gladstone Ministry, the second Home Rule Ministry, has fallen, and Mr. Gladstone will soon become little more than a political memory. Probably he will not sit in another Parliament. After this year possibly we shall never hear his voice at Westminster again. For more than sixty years he has been, whether as the "rising hope of the stern and unbending Tories," or as the unflinching champion of Irish rights, one of the most picturesque of Parliamentary figures. He has to say farewell to what was almost more to him than his home, and we have to say farewell too.

"Time had achieved where foe had failed,  
Subdued a glance that never quailed,  
Dimmed the bright eye that flashed its fire,  
On tyrant foes in many a well-fought field  
"This age, not man, that makes thee yield—  
Unconquered by aught else,  
Conquered alone by Time!  
Farewell, a fond farewell!"

Let us worship the rising sun! Lord Rosebery is the man of the moment, and he receives the universal acclaim. Everybody praises him, and hopes he will justify the trust in him, save poor Mr. Labouchere, who is left piping alone on a hillock which he mistakes for the Mountain. Most of the Radicals accept him, notwithstanding his peerage. The agitation against him comes to naught, so soon as it is realised that a small body of the Radicals are trying to dictate to the Queen, the Cabinet, the main body of the Liberal party, and the entire Liberal press of the country representing the almost unbroken voice of the masses. Mr. Labouchere has made himself the champion of Sir William Harcourt, and in doing so has taken away Sir William Harcourt's last chance of gaining the Pre-

iership, whose laurels now will never be his. Moreover, the Municipal Radicals are delighted with Lord Rosebery. He dominated the first County Council of London, and has since helped its development. He will unify London, and gradually increase municipal powers and privileges. It was said that the Irish Party was dissatisfied with his appointment, but that turns out not to be the fact. They have forgiven his persistence in the debate on the second reading of the Home Rule Bill in consideration of their remembrance that after Mr. John Morley, Lord Rosebery was the first statesman after Mr. Gladstone's conversion to go down to Scotland and bid the folk there think and think again of Home Rule. In short everybody is pleased with the new Premier. His difficulty will be to live up to the hopes that are formed of him.

The Conservative and Liberal Unionist hopes, so jubilantly expressed in their organs, that a Rosebery ministry spell ruin to Home Rule have been sadly dashed within the past day or two. Every single one of their predictions has been completely falsified by the development of the situation. At Cork, the other day, Mr. John Morley declared that he had "nailed the green flag to the mast." This was not a mere rhetorical expression, for he has given point to it by declining Cabinet promotion, "which might at this juncture separate him from the cause of Ireland." For the sake of Ireland he has been content to efface himself. With Mr. Morley still Chief Secretary, how can Lord Rosebery's Cabinet be said, with any plausibility, to be contemplating a betrayal which, for mingled infamy and imbecility, would have no parallel in political history?

Another incident is not without significance in this connection. One of the strongest and most devoted of Home Rulers is Mr. Thomas Ellis, and it is Mr. Ellis who succeeds Mr. Majoribanks as chief Whip of the party. Irish Nationalists can need no better assurances than have been afforded by Mr. Morley's self-denial and Mr. Ellis's promotion. And so another great Unionist bubble is incontinently burst.

The Home Rule Party, though reticent as to details, are delighted with the sympathetic charm of Mr. Gladstone's conversation with Mr. Justin McCarthy, when, as their spokesman, he went to express their affection and gratitude to the venerable statesman for his heroic efforts in the cause of Ireland. "God bless you all!" was the concluding benediction of the retired leader.

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