A Glance at Life in Great Britain---Happenings in England, Ireland and Scotland Briefly Chronicled

ENGLAND

SAVED FIVE LIVES

Lighterman Gets the R. H. S. Medal and the Sum of $5.

George Fuller, a Grimsby coal lighterman, who has saved eight lives, was presented on Monday with and a donation of $5. He also received a similar amount which had been collected privately.

Cloverley Brutus, a bull puppy, which was jointly owned by Mr. Oborn, of Kensington, and Mrs. Palmer, a dog fancier, of Putney, has just been sold to an American fancier for the record sum for a bull pup of $2,500. The pup, which is ten months old, weighs 70 pounds.

A sum of £65,256 has been awarded by the supreme prize court of St. Petersburg to the British India Steam Navigation Company, in respect of the ramming of their steamer Ikhona by the Russian cruiser Teretz on Jan. 5, 1905.

The death occurred lately of Baron George de Reuter, at 4 Berkeley Square, at the age of 46 years. He was the younger son of Baron Paul Julius de Reuter, founder of the famous news agency.

The Orient liner Ophir, on her way back from Australia, has on board some West Australian flowers, inclosed in a block of ice, sent by the governor, Sir Gerald Strickland, to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

With the nomination of Sir John Goldney to be high sheriff of Wiltshire, a record has probably been established. His father, Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., and his two elder brothers have all held that position.

While banns were being read at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell, the father of the bridegroom stood up and forbade them, declaring that his son was too young to marry.

The 26-knot destroyer Ferret, which last July at a speed of fifteen knots cut through a defence boo mat Portsmouth, with scarcely any damage to itself, was removed from the active list of the royal navy on Wednesday at Sheerness, and will be utilized for experimental purposes.

A recommendation that a further estimate of $125,000 for the provision of meals for necessitous children during the current financial year should be forwarded to the finance committee, was agreed to at a meeting of the London county council education committee.

The North London Railway Company announces that from Dec. 1 a general reduction in the passenger fares to and from many of their stations, with Kensington, Acton, Willesden, and the District Railway, would come into operation.

Mr. J. F. Hope, a Mitchell scholar at the Guildhall School of Music, has been admitted to the degree of Mus. B. Mr. Hope is under nineteen years of age, and is the son of the clerk of St. Bartholomew the Great.

FOUND $3,500 PARCEL

Workman Picks Up a Lady's Jewelry and Gets $100 Reward.

A lady staying at the Hotel Majestic, Harrogate, lost in the street a parcel of jewelry valued at $3,500. This was picked up by a working electrician, who, on returning it to the owner, received the reward of $125.

Croydon borough council, by a majority of four votes, decided not to proceed with the proposal for the widening of North End, and the consequent demolition of the Whitgift Hospital.

Mr. John Richards, of the Boot Hotel, the heaviest man in Merthyr-Tydfil, was buried last week. Mr. Richards weighed 24 stone, and the coffin was carried to the hearse by sixteen men.

The Middlesex county education committee have decided to offer eight scholarships to teachers in secondary schools, to include a free tour in France and Germany during the holidays.

Nine pounds five shillings was paid at Puttick & Simpson's for an 1848 postpaid 1d Mauritius stamp, orange on yellowish, while another copy of the same, but orange on bluish, realized £7 10s.

Edmund Halsall Seager, son of the late General Seager, who took part in the Balaclava charge, was sentenced at Essex quarter sessions to five years' penal servitude for obtaining two guns by fraud.

At a wedding at Tunbridge Wells recently, the bridegroom, Mr. Robert Hollamby, was 75 years of age, and his bride, Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Bond, was 64, while the best man was 65 years of age.

The retirement is announced of Archdeacon Chapman from the canonry of Ely owing to his advanced age. He was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, was curate of Leeds from 1854 to 1857, and in 1869 he was appointed archdeacon of Sudbury, which office he resigned a few years ago.

THRASHING A HERO

Mother Whipped Boy for, Getting Wet —Had Saved Four Lives.

The Cheshire county council are negotiating with the crown for a lease of 356 acres of land on Delamere Forest for small holdings. The crown authorities have offered the land on a 35years' lease at a rental of £420 per annum. The crown will also incur expences on houses and buildings, and upon this the county council offer 4½ per cent interest, but is not willing to pay more than £400 rental. This difference has been referred for settlement to the board of agriculture valuer.

A sum of nearly £3,000 was awarded by the West Kent compensation committee for the loss of 31 public house and beer house licenses in the western portion of the county. In the case of the Tichborne Arms, Chatham, £2,178 was awarded,of which the owners take £1,978 and the license £200. This was the highest price paid in respect of any one license. For the extinction of the license of the Britannia ale house at Gravesend the committee aawrded £1,597—owners £1,347, licensees £250.

Rowland Mitchell, 13, of Ashton, was presented by the mayor of Preston with the Royal Humane Society's certificate for saving four lives. In handing it to the lad the mayor said, "You are a hero. This is the proudest moment of my life, to be able to honor such a young hero." On one occasion young Mitchell got a thrashing from his mother for going home with drenched clothes before she could be told they got wet through his jumping into the canal to save a life.

The boiler of a traction engine exploded at Langford, Norfolk. Elijah Dorling, the driver, was hurled fifteen yards, and badly scalded, while Henry Bloy, farmer, was blown on to a straw stack and injured. The latter's son was thrown twenty yards beyond the stack and badly scorched. The flames further ignited five stacks of barley and straw, four of these being destroyed.

The Duchess of Albany lately opened the new Church House at Farnham, taking the place of Princess Henry of Battenberg, who was prevented attending by her son's illness.

An extraordinary robbery was reported to the London police. The victim is Mr. Walter Smith, a farmer, of Bridgwater, who arrived in London with $5,000 in his possession, and went to a music hall carrying the money in a weighty parcel. During the programme he sat with his precious parcel under his feet so that he might feel the slightest touch. At the conclusion of the performance he arose to put on his overcoat and light a cigarette, and for a few moments his feet were removed from the parcel. When he stooped for the money he discovered that it had disappeared.

The General Steam Navigation Company's steamer Balgownie, from Bordeaux to London, which had her tail shaft carried away off the Casquets and had drifted 100 miles, was towed into Plymouth by the Moorish Prince.

Baillie Mackie, of Fraserburgh, presiding at the annual fish buyers' dinner at Lowestoft, said that the present fleet working out of the port was with nets and gear worth £1,581,000.

A poor family named Green, living at Brighouse, near Leeds, have been informed that they are entitled to a fortune of £50,000. The testator, Albert Green, was a working stonemason who left England some time ago and settled in Manhattan, N.Y. He died last April, and advertisements appeared subsequently inquiring for the next of kin.

Charged with selling a pistol by retail, contrary to the pistols act, Chas. Watson, of Chancery Lane, London, was fined £1 and £5 5s cost. For the defence it was stated that the pistol was made for the sole purpose of discharging a special kind of cartridge containing only lycopodium, cayenne pepper, and gunpowder, which had the effect of rendering the person fired at unconscious for two or three minutes. Expert evidence proved that the weapon was a dangerous weapon, and capable of firing a large bullet.

"PILLARS OF FIRE"

Twenty Dancing Missionaries Will Try to Convert London.

Twenty dancing and fasting missionaries of the sect who call themselves "Pillars of Fire," reached Liverpool on Tuesday from New York and will endeavor to convert London.

At Puttick & Simpson's rooms in London, £16 was paid for a one rupee green and carmine Indian service stamp, containing the error "Sersiv" for "Service."

While hunting with the Quorn Hounds, the Duke of Roxburghe was heavily thrown in taking a fence, and sustained a broken leg. He was removed to Scalford Hall, Melton Mowbray, the residence of Major Mann-Thomson.

The police are desirous of tracing the owner of a valuable diamond of oblong shape, set in a silver collet, which was found in a cab in the West End some time ago, and which is now at the lost property office, New Scotland Yard.

Owing to a breakdown at Woolwich electricity works the other evening, the greater part of the town was in darkness, and the performance at the Hippodrome and a town council meeting had to be abandoned. Light was restored at 9 p.m.

A report presented to the Lancashire inebriates' board states: "Two neurotic women have been treated for refusing all food." The director believes that the women's conduct was solely due to their reading about suffragists.

A Dunmow railway station porter named Henry Fewell saved a woman from death by an heroic action. The woman was crossing the line as a train came in. Fewell jumped down, pushed her across, and was just able to get away as the engine passed.

The King has promised a donation of £500 to the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, for a scheme to preserve the view of Windsor Castle as seen from the river near Brocas Clump.

Three children of 10, 7 and 5 were described as "living skeletons" when in the East Ham Police Court. James Henry Wheal, a painter, and Lizzy Chalmers, his housekeeper, of Walton road, Manor Park, were committed to the quarter sessions on charges of cruelly neglecting five children. Wheal was a widower with the five children in question, and Chalmers, who kept house for him, had children of her own, but they were not concerned in the case. The woman said she had always done her best for the children, but she only received 15s some weeks, and out of that she had to pay the rent, 5s 6d. Wheal said that he kept a woman to look after his children, and could do no more.

An outbreak of fire occurred in a class-room of the L.C.C. School, Central street, St. Luke's. Teachers sounded the fire drill signal, and hundreds of boys and girls marched rapidly into the playgrounds without any disorder.

A remarkable accident took place at Nelson, when, as the result of a gas explosion, the surgery of Dr. Kay, in Carr road, was completely wrecked. All the windows and doors were blown into the street, and part of the roof was dislodged. Dr. Kay was upstairs at the time, and escaped unhurt, but a boy on the opposite side of the street was injured by flying timber. The damage amounts to several hundred pounds.

The sum of £12,000 is the deficit shown by the estimates in connection with next year's Jersey States budget, and the finance committee's report suggests increased taxation. The upkeep of the militia and compulsory service is put down at £7,420, and education at £13,560, while over £20 odd is asked for public assistance and asylums. Presumed revenues are fixed at £66,592. The states assembly meets on Monday to discuss the situation.

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IRELAND

CARETAKER AT 109

Centenarian Woman Looks After Courthouse and Dispensary.

Although she is 109 years old, Mrs. Peggy McGurk still acts as caretaker of the Carrickmore (County Tyrone) court house and dispensary. The King has sent to Mrs. McGurk a present of £2 from his privy purse. The gift was accompanied by a letter from Lord Knollys, his majesty's private secretary, wishing her lengthened days.

In the House of Commons lately, Captain Craig asked the Irish secretary why the Union Jack was not flown over Queen's College, Galway, on the King's Birthday. Mr. Birrel said he was informed by the president of the college that under the staute of the college the King's Birthday was not a statutory holiday, and it was not observed by the college on Nov. 9. Mr. Roche: "Is the right honorable gentleman aware that it is not the custom to fly the Union Jack in Ireland on the King's birthday, and that it is not flown even at the breweries and distillerles?" Mr. Jeremiah MacVeigh: "Is the right honorable gentleman aware that on the King's Birthday there was not a single Union Jack flying in the whole constituency of North Down?"

At Ellis Quay, Dublin, a young man, apparently of the laboring class named Michael Ryan, snatched a pair of boots from the outside of a shop and made off, but he was pursued and arrested by two constables. Seeing that escape was impossible, Ryan had thrown the boots into the Liffey. Constable McCabe took charge of Ryan, while the other constable went in search of the boots. Ryan struggled violently to get free, and then, taking a razor from his pocket, is alleged to have drawn it across the constable's throat, inflicting a deep wound. Another officer secured Ryan, the wounded man going to the hospital.

The escape of Constable Gallagher, after arrest in Aclare Barracks on a charge of drowning his wife near Enniscrane, Sligo, had a sequel at Tubbercurry petty sessions, when Sergt. McDermott and Constable Faughnan (Aclare), and Sergt. McCaffrey (Enniscrone), were charged with allowing Gallagher to escape from justice. In the result the resident magistrate and the bench were agreed there was no case against Faughnan, and a majority refused information against the two sergeants.

John McGeown, for very many years employed by the postoffice, as letter carrier between Lurgan, Waringstown, and Donacloney, dropped dead while walking in Union street, Lurgan. A short time ago McGeown was obliged to retire on account of his health and only recently was given the imperial service medal in recognition of his long and meritorious service in the postal department.

A feature of special interest at the Ulster Horticultuial Show, was the splendid exhibit of apples by the British Columbia Government, which afforded a striking object lesson of British Columbia's claims to be regarded as a leading fruit growing country.

Efforts to arrange an aviation week in Ireland have failed for the present. The Curragh was chosen as the best spot for the "week," but the aviators wanted such a large sum (£20,000, it is said), as a guarantee, that the idea has fallen through.

A WINDOW'S WINDFALL

Belfast Woman Secures $15,000 Left by Her Long-Lost Husband.

By means of a marriage certificate and an old photograph the claim of a Belfast widow, Mrs. McClune, to half the fortune of a man who died in Pittsburg in 1906, leaving £3,000, has been upheld by the courts. The man was her husband, of whom she had not heard for 25 years.

A singular story was told in the Four Courts, Dublin, during the hearing of an action to prove the will of James Brazil, of Ballylanders, County Limerick, and formerly of Swansea, who died on June 5, 1908, leaving about £9,000. Counsel said that Brazil emigrated to Australia, and there engaged in every sort of employment, from gold digging to peddling. He accumulated some thousands of pounds, and came to England thirty years ago, where he continued his peddling in various towns. He used to go about selling looking-glasses, oleographs and such things, and it was said of him that he would sell the clothes off his back if he could make a profit by the transaction. About 20 years ago he gave up peddling and settled down in Swansea. He devoted the rest of his life to what he termed his "gambling," which consisted in investing his money and dealing in stocks and shares. His chief investment was in the Canadian Pacific Railway.

There is a rumor that plans are in course of preparation to carry out works on a large scale at Queenstown, to make the place a strong naval base.

The Belfast old age pension committee has issued its report for the year ending Sept. 30, last. Nearly 8,000 claims were allowed, which means nearly £100,000 a year.

Two brothers named Aldritt, who live in Maryborough have built an aeroplane, in which one of them made an ascent and performed a flying feat of short duration.

WONDERFUL FAMILY

Four of Them Drawing Old-Age Pensions—Two More to Qualify Soon.

A rather remarkable family live on a small farm at Fanaghans, County Donegal; it consists of Mrs. Gallagher, three sons and two daughters, none of whom are married, and the mother, two sons and a daughter are in receipt of old age pensions, and in a very short time the third son will have qualified for a pension, and in a year or so the "baby" of the family can also claim her five shillings from the Government. All the members of this wonderful family enjoy the best of health, and may draw the pensions for many years to come.

The working model of a monoplane, designed by a Dublin man, Mr. McDonnell, is on view in Dublin. Mr. McDonnell has studied aviation for some time, and claims that he has combined all the good points of other machines in his. The chief feature of Mr. McDonnell's invention is the engine. There are eight engines combined in one, all of which, however, can be worked separately and independently. It may be necessary to use all eight to rise, but when flying four can be used alternately, so that there is no danger of the works overheating. The wings differ from other makes in that they can be inverted to any angle, and that each can be worked independently of the other.

Great damage was done to Messrs. Waller's Malting Stores, Nenagh, County Tipperary, by fire lately. The fire had got a good hold before it was detected, and by the time the fire brigade arrived on the scene, one block of the buildings was gutted.

A bullock, the property of Mr. McClelland, Ballymackforban, caused considerable diversion, during the progress of the Monaghan Fair, by bolting and making straight for the lake at St. Louis Convent, into which it jumped. A large crowd gathered and efforts were made to try and get the animal to leave its rather chilly quarters, the beast, however, appeared to enjoy its bath, and remained in the water for over an hour, defying all its would-be rescuers, and when it did decide to leave the water, it started off at a run and gave the followers an exciting chase before being finally captured.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Londonderry with the object of establishing a branch of the Navy League in Ireland. The Marchioness of Hamilton in addressing the meeting thanked them for asking her to preside, and said she hoped that by establishing a Navy League in Londonderry—the first in Ireland—the Maiden City would set an example to the rest of the country. There were many speakers, and it was finally decided to form a branch of the league in Londonderry, with Lord Leitrim as president.

SCOTLAND

A LADY LAWYER

First One to Practice the Profession in Scotland—Is M. A. and LL. B.

Frequenters of Scottish high courts at Edinburgh were recently treated to the novel spectacle of a young woman occupying a law agent's seat and conducting a case, through counsel, with much gravity. The young woman, who is the daughter of a prominent local lawyer, is an M.A. and LL.B. of Edinburgh University. She is the first woman lawyer to practice. Although permitted to take law degrees, women have not yet been accorded entry to the Scottish law societies.

Speaking at the second annual concert of the Gaelic Society of Edinburgh held in the Synod Hall, Edinburgh, Lord Dunedin said that the society had for its object the uniting in the capital of Scotland all those who had a common interest in one of the great heritages of the country—the heritage of Gaelic literature and Gaelic tradition. He did not think, however, anything especially patriotic in those who might have a great regard for Gaelic past and Gaelic ancestry thinking that they were going to have treatises on electricity written in Gaelic. Speaking roughly, he would say that German was the language for lyric poetry and French for prose, and English was the best all-round language of the three.

The "Scotswoman" states that Admiral Bacon is resigning the post of director of naval ordnance and torpedoes to become chief of the ordnance factory at Scotstoun, Glasgow.

The committee which was formed at a meeting of a number of the leading Scottish coal merchants held in Glasgow recently for the purpose of taking steps to contest the Scottish railway companies' charges for detention of wagons and the time limit, have called a larger meeting of members of their branch of the coal trade. A guarantee fund of £1,000 has already been made, but a much larger sum is needed to cover the expense of legal proceedings.

The odd behavior of a pear tree which can be seen in the Monydrain Gardens at Lochgilphead, is arousing much interest among horticulturists. The tree is now in full blossom for the third time this year, and, although it has blossomed regularly for the past eight or nine years, it has not yet once borne fruit.

CHEAPER BREAD

Edinburgh and Leith Master Bakers Will Reduce Prices.

The Edinburgh and Leith Master Bakers' Association has resolved to reduce the price of bread one halfpenny per 4-pound loaf.

Dr. Rea, Langholm, has been appointed medical officer for Kirpatrick Durham, in succession to Dr. Robertson, who has gone to Kirkmahoe.

By permission of the lord chamberlain the members of the Old Edinburgh Club visited Holyrood palace recently, and had the privilege of being taken over the private apartments.

A meeting in Edinburgh considered a scheme for removal of the canal basins in the Fountainbridge district and the improvement of that neighborhood.

A reduction of infant mortality was reported from Port Glasgow, where remedial work carried on by the Health Association was inaugurated a week ago.

The annual conference of the United Free Church Guild was held lately at Dumbarton.

The Scottish Band of Hope Union, Edinburgh, is endeavoring to raise $10,000 for the purpose of training boys and girls of Scotland in hygiene and temperance.

Tenement properties at Calton Hill have been transformed into offices for Edinburgh and Leith gas commissioners at a cost of $75,000.

An effort is being made to amalgamate the various Edinburgh agencies interested in soup-kitchens and in other forms of relief for the poor and sick.

The journalists of Glasgow and the west of Scotland are uniting in raising an orphan fund to assist the widows and children of their pen brethren who fall by the way.

The east coast herring fishing has closed with a very much shorter catch than last year, but for the fishermen it has been a very profitable season, in consequence of high prices.

In the Church of St. Peters, Edinburgh, on the 29th, the marriage took place of Captain Colin MacRae and the Lady Margaret Crichton-Stewart, daughter of the late Marquis of Bute.

The bronze pillar made by the brass founders of Edinburgh and Leith for the 1886 exhibition, was unveiled in Nicolson Square Gardens by Mrs. Stark, and presented to the city.

Mr. Edward Ling, an aviator from Hull, has arrived to make arrangements for an attempt to win the prize of $2,500 offered by the Edinburgh Marine Gardens for a successful flight from the Gardens to the Fife coast.

Some hundreds of ladies' purses were among the articles found in the Glasgow tramcars during the past twelve months.

No fewer than 6,300 stags have fallen in the Scottish deer forests this season—an increase of fully 9 per cent on 1908.

The new burgh depot for Dunoon, erected at a cost of about $15,000, was formally opened by Provost Dobie on the 25th ult.

FOR BABIES' BENEFIT

Aberdeen Starts a Club to Help and Instruct Mothers.

Aberdeen's latest enterprise is a Mothers' and Babies' Club, the purpose of which is to help and instruct mothers in the care and feeding of their babies.

Mr. John Lamb, assistant inspector of poor at Leith, has been appointed clerk to Leith parish council and inspector of poor.

In Glasgow, 9 of the 26 wards are to be contested, and 21 candidates were nominated for 10 vacancies. Five old members retire.

Major Arthur G. Ferguson, H. M. inspector of constabularly for Scotland, began his inspection of the police force in Glasgow recently.

A bazaar organized by the Scottish Band of Hope Union in aid of national Band of Hope work in Scotland was opened recently in Glasgow.

The directors of the Accident Life and General Insurance Company have declared an interim dividend at the rate of 10 per cent per annum.

Mr. Wm. Bain, secretary of the British Linen Bank, has resigned on account of ill health, and Mr. J. Stark, superintendent of branches, succeeds him.

Argyll county council have for some time been endeavoring but without success to secure for Portnahaven a suitable and sufficient supply of water.

A water diviner has been employed in Islay by Mr. Morrison, and has been very successful. He feels confident that he has located a good spring at Portnahaven.

There are over 20,000 unemployed men in Glasgow.

Over 1,000 cases of scarlet fever were attended in Glasgow on October 23.

Leith police have again beat Glasgow force for the swimming championship and Wardell shield.

Mrs. Ross, West Claremont street, Glasgow, 83, was found drowned in an old quarry at Blackford Hiss.

Prince Arthur of Connaught is shortly to be withdrawn from the establishment of the Scots Greys.

The claims for lodgers' votes in Glasgow this year number 13,204, an increase of 1,159 over last year.

As in most parts of the country the honey harvest in the metropolitan county has proved most unsatisfactory.

Leith folk are getting a reduction of 2d per 1,000 feet on gas used for lighting, and of 6d on gas used for gas engines.

Mr. David Thomson, one of the greatest horticulturists of his day, died at Eskbank on the 22nd ult., aged 86 years.

The annual meeting of Au Comunn Gaidhealach was held at Stirling. It was agreed to hold the next Mod in Edinburgh.

THE POSTMAN'S SKI

Highland Postman To Be Supplied With This Device in the Winter Months.

In winter when the remoter parts of the Highlands are snowed up, great difficulty is experienced by postmen in delivering letters and packages. With the view of obviating this difficulty the authorities have been experimenting with ski at Braemar. So successful have these tests been that post officials in several other Highland districts are to be supplied with ski for use in the winter months.

In the court of session, Edinburgh, a divorce decree was obtained by Rose Edith Crowley, against Alister Macgregor Crowley, formerly called Edward Alexander Crowley. Some amusing evidence was given in the course of the action. One witness said that the defendant was very proud of having, as he thought, Scottish blood in his veins. He had curious ideas of how to fit up a house. He put mirrors round a room at Boleskine, where he had a house and estate, and called it a temple. He invented a new kind of religion. He was a Cabalist, and studied ancient manuscripts. Writing to the witness from abroad, he sometimes signed himself MacGregor and sometimes Crowley. He changed his name from Alexander to Alister because it was Scottish. He got some mark of distinction from an Indian chief, and thereupon, the witness said, called himself Lord Boleskine. The defendant often appeared in complete Highland costume, and the MacGregor tartan was very, very bright.

Glasgow University students have made another demonstration against "Dr." Bodie at the Coliseum music hall. He was pelted with eggs, rotten apples, and meal. At length the students "rushed" the stage. Bodie ran to the wings. He was brought forward, and made to publicly withdraw his statement that the students were "Carnegie curs." The police entered and bundled some of the students into the orchestra. The students then went in a body to protest at the police station, and riotous scenes occurred, the police drawing their batons. Several students were injured in the police charges. Ultimately quiet was restored.

VIOLET ASQUITH

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that sort of nonsense, really came from 'C. B.' or from Nash.'

"As a matter of fact, it did not occur to me just at the moment that the phrase 'methods of barbarism' was used by C. B. before he was a prime minister at all, and therefore before Nash was one of his secretaries. Later on, I said: "You know I rather expected that your father would make the Bishop of Hereford Archbishop of York." She said: "Yes; and I suppose the Bishop of Hereford thought so, too; but don't you think that these things, archbishoprics, and so forth, are not got by trying to bring pressure to bear? They are not got by jobbery, you know."

"I of course acquiesced in the face of her evidently superior knowledge, and did not carry the subject any further. She told a story about Alfred Austin, a very amusing story, and very cleverly put together; but it contained one quite demonstrative lie. It was very spiteful, and unnecessary to repeat here, but it led up to a remark of her, which I thought was not quite felicitous as addressed to me:

"'Don't you think that when he is gone the Laureateship should be abolished?'

"I said, with some emphasis: 'Oh, yes, indeed I do! I think it is a grotesque anachronism, and I think the sooner you abolish it the better even for the dignity of literature itself,' so I think she did not get much change out of me on that subject.

"We talked about various other matters, and I was glad when she spoke of literary subjects only, because her intelligence and acuteness are certainly very considerable. She finally asked me to write some verses of my own in her manuscript book. I wrote one of my own lyrics, and apologized for being unable at the moment to call to mind anything which had not yet been published.

"At last Mrs. Asquith came in and took us up to the drawing-room. Mrs. Asquith, who seemed to be in a highly tremulous state, talked to me—with intervals of listening to me—until I looked at my watch and found to my surprise that it was a quarter to seven; so I took my departure. I walked from Downing Street to the Devonshire Club. Along the way I improvised a quatrain 'To the Memory of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, which ran thus:

This was an honest man, who spoke the truth,
The hated truth, whether men heard or no.
He stood for Honor, Justice, Courage, Truth;
He is gone—and they, too, go.

"I wrote to Miss Asquith in the club, reiterating my apology for not having been able to write in her book anything previously unpublished, but saying that on my way from 10 Downing Street I had improvised a little tribute to the memory of the late Sir Henry Campbell - Bannerman 'that great hearted man.' I said, 'whose mere phrase, methods of barbarism,' did so much to waken the drugged conscience of England," I added; "I shall be delighted to write it in your book, if you ever care to give me the opportunity.'

"I posted the letter and quatrain to her very late that night, and she certainly would not receive it until the following morning. Within, I should think, a couple of hours of its delivery I received, to my great astonishment—for I thought I had flung the most unforgivable insult at this family—a letter from Mrs. Asquith herself, in which she said:

10 Downing Street, Whitehall, S.W.
23rd June, 1909.

Dear Mr. Watson—It will give my Violet enormous pleasure, I am sure, if you will write this for her.

What I want you to do is to copy for me your favorite lines on Wordsworth's grave and on another piece of paper some of Wordsworth's own lines that give you the most pleasure. I will be infinitely grateful. Haste.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) MARGOT ASQUITH.

"She sent the letter by hand to the Devonshire Club, apparently, wishing that it should reach me without any avoidable delay. I did not reply until at least three days afterward, when I wrote to her saying that Wordsworth presented an embarrassment of riches, but that I thought there could be no inappropriateness in writing for her such a poem as his sonnet to Milton, or even other poems in which he touched upon political matters, and uttered his contempt for timid political hedging and trimmings, and his admiration of the men—

Who never sold the turth to serve the hour
Or paltered with eternal God for power.

"I then gave her rather apologetically some details about my forthcoming volume of poems, and mentioned that I thought our literature had too long lacked the satiric portraits of which Pope was the supreme master, and that I thought of emulating his example, not perhaps in his own heroic couplet, which is a trifle too rigid, but in the lighter octo-syllabic measure of Prior and Gay.

"Later, to my further amazement, I received from Mrs. Asquith a perfectly friendly reply, sent by hand, together with her own autograph album, in which Gladstone, Meredith and many other famous persons had written. The note ran:

"Dear Mr. Watson—I don't want you to write anything by Wordsworth, but just on one page of my book some verses out of your own poem, "Wordsworth's Grave."

"Please. M. ASQUITH."

"I did as Mrs. Asquith requested and also wrote to her in my politest manner, as if nothing had occurred. She replied:

"I cannot thank you enough, my dear Mr. Watson. I love your lines.

"Yours, M. ASQUITH."

"This closed the incident so far as I am at present aware."

CENTENARY OF GLADSTONE'S BIRTH

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merce that would have made some of our great financial magnates look very small.

Gladstone's success was due to his personal magnetism and fascination, but the greatest factor in the splendid achievements of the greatest of all the Victorian giants was his strength of character. Whatever his faults, and his enemies charged him with many, no one can but admit his honesty and singleness of purpose, and no temptation, however great, made him deviate from his course of doing what he thought was right and just. One of the most beautiful sights it was possible to see was Gladstone in the little parish church at Hawarden joining in the worship of the Giver of all things, with a reverence that was real and sincere.

Gladstone's Oratory.

As an orator, Gladstone stood easily first in parliamentary oratory. Bright possibly was equal to him in a prepared speech, but in debate, when one has no time to prepare, Gladstone was his superior; in fact, many of Gladstone's best speeches have been given in answer to a question from the opposition. And no subject or occasion was too trivial and certainly not too great for Gladstone to speak upon. The writer remembers once listening to him giving an address on washing; one would have thought that the speaker was a laundryman by his grasp of the subject.

His voice had a resonant beauty all its own, something like a tenor bell, clear and penetrating, and the Actors' Association, after listening to him when presenting a testimonial to Charles Kean, said that they had before them a master of their own art, who excelled the best of them in the capacity of giving beauty and emphasis to the spoken word.

A great statesman, a consummate scholar, and a brilliant orator, Gladstone will live in English history as one of her cleverest sons, but to the masses on whom his personality exercised such a powerful influence, he will always be the G. O. M., or to reverse the letters, the Man of God. Such was Gladstone—

Wondrous old man whose soul no respite knows
Though years and honors bid thee seek repose.
—The Illiad, Book X.

Gladstone and Beaconsfield.

The following remarks of Gladstone, made upon a solemn occasion, indicate not only the high level of English political life, but the splendid spirit of the man in speaking such words of his bitterest antagonist. The occasion was the proposal in the House of Commons of the erection of a monument to Lord Beaconsfield:

"The career," Gladstone said, "of Lord Beaconsfield was, in many respects, the most remarkable and the most surprising in our parliamentary history. Upon his political career it would be unbecoming on my part to offer a remark. But I cannot deny myself the satisfaction of dwelling on his great intellectual gifts, his steady persistency of purpose, his strength of will, his remarkable power of self-government, his unsurpassed parliamentary courage, his strong sympathies with his own race, his readiness to help struggling men of genius and the tenderness and devotion of his domestic affections. Finally," said the great orator, "it is with the most unfeigned pleasure that I record my conviction—a conviction which is by no means a new one—that in any judgment pronounced upon me by Lord Beaconsfield he had never been actuated by a sentiment of personal antipathy."

Gladstone and the Villagers.

While Gladstone was one of the most autocratic of men in his dealings with his colleagues and opponents in the House of Commons, he was the most democratic when amongst the villagers in his own beloved Hawarden, and would very often while strolling through the village, stop and chat with the inhabitants, every one of whom he knew. One day he was chatting with an old laborer, who was attending to his garden, on the subject of horticulture. After a long argument, the old gardener, who by this time had got a little heated, evidently thinking that Gladstone was getting the best of the discussion, told him to go home. "For," said he, "thou may know something of those fool politics, but thou knows newst (nothing) about raising geraniums." "Well, lad, perhaps you're right," remarked the great statesman, "but you must remember I'm only a young 'un still and willing to learn (he was over 70), and you must teach me."

Formative Authors.

The four authors to whom Gladstone attributed the greatest formative influence on his mind were Dante, Aristotle, Bishop Butler, and St. Augustine.

Gladstone took no interest in racing and the only time he went to the Derby he stood with his back to the course and watched the people.—Frederick Wright.

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