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The Sanctum.

England's "Grand Old Man."

Since the issuance of our last number, England's grand "Old Man", the Right Honorable William Ewart Gladstone, has passed away. Mr. Gladstone had the proud distinction of being the greatest English statesman, which is equivalent to saying the greatest of the world. He was a man of splendid natural endowments, superb education, indomitable courage, magnificence of character and exceedingly lofty ideals and purposes. He lived out his convictions. He was neither frightened nor enticed by national emoluments. While no one could with better grace have carried the honors of his country in titles freely offered, yet the people's "uncrowned king," without the externals of assumed place or glory held a truly regal place in the thought and affection of his countrymen. His life has been a benediction to the world. He was a man whose sympathies were as broad as humanity. His name will be an inspiration for countless lives.

Gladstone was a statesman, an orator, a man of "letters and taste," a philosopher, and best of all, a Christian. His unswerving devotion to principle has rightly won the admiration of all high minded men. "He wrought his country lasting good." Young men intending to devote themselves to public life cannot fail to profit by studying the motives and forces of the life of such a one as Gladstone. He was great because he was good. He worthily demonstrated the possibilities of a career consecrated to a lofty ideal. In the language of Benson's beautiful memorial poem :

"The fight he scorned not ; twas the prize he scorned.
He chose the scars and not the gauds of fame.
Gave crowns to others, keeping unturned

His homely name."

They say Gladstone is dead. That cannot be ; he was too great to die. No, though he is absent from those to whom his presence was so familiar, he is not dead : he lives the life abundant, glorious. In the generations following, the kingly qualities of Wm. E. Gladstone will find repetition in the lives of many who will cherish and honor his memory.

Characteristic Criticisms.

HE weekly of Wolfville has again been heard from. It takes offence at our reference to its chronic attitude of unfriendly criticism of Acadia students. Its claim to have always been favorable to us can appear simply ludicrous to those who are conversant with the facts. It happened very fortunately for it that the issue which contained its caustic remarks directed at the editor of this magazine, had also articles relative to the Forward Movement—hap-