

It is possible, however, that even all the influence exerted by the measures so far established would not be sufficient to

noted the reasons which had induced the Government to make the concessions connected with the Washington Treaty. The apparent readiness of the Minister to trundle to foreign powers that were strong, and to bully those that were weak, with the unexplained readiness to run any in the Liberal camp to break up the coalition, and to divide the most, if not the whole, of the Colonies that to any extent enjoyed self-government, did great injury to the Ministry. Insular as have become their ideas, the British statesmen, the British people, and the British Empire, are not standing over shoulders, and forcing on the furnishing colonies to any extent to take them off their hands, that the British Empire may be continued within the British seas.

All these influences combined have led to the result which many can scarcely believe, and which more altogether fail to understand. Mr. Gladstone during the last few years has been so weak, but he has necessarily made enormous steps, and the very moderation he has been studious to maintain has contributed greatly to his fall. The English people, or at least a large portion of it, has got into one of its fits of alarm and confusion, and the alarm has been short-lived, and the reaction is catastrophic. It is very likely that Mr. Gladstone is not the man to carry measures that are clearly the logical complement of what he has already accomplished. He is not, very likely

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soil. With his present views, and with the hatreds and jealousies engendered by the party system, it is not surprising that a small majority of comparative democrats and half-hearted fellows must inevitably be settled by some one who is not a democrat, and who is assuredly fail. He would very properly propose some half-and-half measures which would please none while it would irritate all, and as the result damage the party more than it would benefit it. The political reputation, and delay the resurrection of the party. He was placed in power to bring around the whole and the whole Liberal party round the refreshing and re-invigorating breeze of the party of white. The present position will, in this way be remedied, and the result will, far more effectively and far more rapidly than by the halphast attempts of weak and half-hearted Liberals minister to the party of white. Under Disraeli or any other possible leader the Conservatives can do little

undoing any of the great works of the  
past five years while if they did make

into the hands of their opponents, and preparing the way for Mr. Gladstone, some younger man, returning to power with a far more thorough-going programme than ever, and with more resolute and practical policy put out, and with a more efficient machinery for carrying out the proceeding and irreversible.

Reaction, in the true and proper sense of the term, there really has never been in the history of the British people for the last three-quarters of a century at the rate. We might, indeed, with all safety, mention a much longer period. To the extent which the country has been able to have a free reign, and individuals and parties have been carried along by the tide, whether they chose or not. Dismissed all his associates would not play Mr. Partington with her mop and pail if she should try the *role* of reactionist in earnest. If they can do the work of the Government, they will do it, and the antecedents and go at it. We do believe, however, that they either will or will not, they will be but as stepping-gaols, useful in the meantime, over and

their work as an assistant or an educator has been accomplished so as to give pla-

of the future, who will dare in earnest to measure words with the two monopolies of Landlordism and State-aided Churchism, and make what has been held in theory, but not in fact, a fair field and no favour? "All classes privileged by taxes be preferred." "All Churches strengthened by all being freed from the encumbrance of State support and consequent State-aid."

If Mr. Gladstone is alive when the time comes around, and if he is able and willing for the vote, he will find himself as a Minister, greater and stronger than ever, and will make his mark among England's worthies, inferior to few, if any. If, however, he cannot be "drawn out" to that great assembly, and his worth is not to be made manifest now substantially ever, then, I believe, will come from some other quarter, what this, and coming generations, will have to thank William Ewart Gladstone for the great things he has accomplished though they will note, at the same time, that he has not done more.

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famous jeweller and dealer in fancy ware  
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seen him. Very much, they say, he took his  
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It was considerably common, however, to see  
a nice, polite little man, in an elegant  
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