

FAMOUS JOURNALISTS.

Some Notable Instances of Journalists Who Have Become Great Statesmen.

Lord Salisbury traveled without a servant, became a miner in Australia, camps, roughed it, washed his own clothes and in later years showed his business capacity by dealing with the difficulties of an unlucky railway company so successfully that he was presented with a splendid service of plate by grateful shareholders and directors. Not the least of his possessions in his estimation was that testimonial which occupied an important place in his dining-room at Hatfield. And, mind you, he did not enter Parliament until he had qualified himself to pass the most rigid examination in the nature, politics and possibilities of the British colonies and possessions by extensive and study on the spot. We heard recently all about his taking to journalism in London for a living rendered necessary because he had not altogether pleased his father by making a love match, not beneath his station, but without consideration of money. Journalism is not a bad training for statesmanship. It helped Disraeli. Lord Milner was a journalist, and he was sent to South Africa by a Liberal Government. John Morley may almost be said to be a journalist still, and Sir William Harcourt was one of the most brilliant men that the British Empire has produced. Apart from these notable instances of journalists who have become great statesmen, an interesting list might be compiled of men who have adorned literature and art and might have been chosen to give up to politics what was meant for mankind: Joseph Cowan, Sir William Leng, Geo. Morant, Sir Edwin Arnold, Sir Edward Russell, Herbert Spencer and not a few others who served an apprenticeship of the newspaper press.—Joseph Hatton.

Effect of Antimony.

That terrible poison, antimony, known most familiarly in the compound called tartar-emic, has a very interesting history. It was introduced into medicine some centuries ago by Paracelsus. Its name signifies that it is "against monks," as some on whom it was tried displayed the now familiar symptoms. Its use in modern medicine has been reduced to vanishing point, with other depressing measures such as bleeding. In the table which arranges the elements in series and shows their connections—so that all are probably modifications of one universal substance—there is a sequence, nitrogen, phosphorus, arsenic, antimony, bismuth, and Sir Lauder Brunton has shown that these possess many common properties in their action upon man, and that these properties vary in relation to the place of each in the scale. In the days before chloroform antimony and tobacco were used to produce the partial unconsciousness which attends their nauseant and depressant properties.

Green Diamonds.

Considerable interest, writes a correspondent, has been aroused in Johannesburg by the discovery of a mining property at Klerksdorp of a green diamond of about three-quarters carat. The gem had slipped into a crevice in the iron plates of the crushing mill and was found during the dismantling of the mill to make room for a new stamp battery. In 1898 over seventy similarly colored diamonds were found upon the same property. They had all slipped between the dies and escaped destruction. It is conjectured that many other green stones got crushed out of existence. For the first time since that date the Klerksdorp G. and D. Company proposes to resume operations on this particular ground, which contains both gold and diamonds, and the prospects of unearthing more of these green gems are being eagerly watched from the Rand.

Sources of Rain.

The chief causes of rain are stated by P. A. Rollo Russell to be only four, and in a paper to the Royal Meteorological Society he describes the following: (1) The forced ascent of moist air by the slopes of mountains. (2) A mass of air invading rather suddenly another mass moving from an opposite direction and maintaining its flow below the opposing current which it displaces. (3) The ascent of more or less moist air through heavier air already up to a height where condensation of vapor takes place, increased radiation of heat toward space, and often electrical developments producing further condensation, increase of temperature and renewed ascent with the same result. (4) The mixture of currents of air from different directions.

Arrested Development. Richard—Are these good apples on your trees? Robert—We don't know. Our neighbors' two boys never let any of them get ripe.—Detroit Free Press.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XII, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, SEPT. 18.

Text of the Lesson, Amos v. 4-15, Memory Verses, 14, 15—Golden Text, Amos v. 6—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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Seek ye Me, and ye shall live; seek the Lord, and ye shall live; seek good and not evil that ye may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, for thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel (verses 4, 6, 14). This seems to be the central thought of our lesson. It reminds us of Elijah's "If the Lord be God, follow I'm" (1 Kings xviii, 21), and of Joshua's farewell exhortation, "Choose you this day whom we will serve" (Josh. xxiv, 15), and of the words of Moses: "I have set before you life and death; therefore choose life. Love the Lord, thy God; obey His voice, cleave unto Him, for He is thy life" (Deut. xxx, 19, 20). Whether it be for Israel or the church or the individual, there is no life apart from Him who is life, who said, "I am the life" (John i, 25; xiv, 6). Dead in trespasses and sins, without God and without hope, is the condition of all others (Eph. ii, 1, 12). In the days of Amos, as now, men would do anything rather than receive freely from God His gift of life. They would under pretense of worship transgress at Beth-el and Gilgal and at Beersheba, and their sacrifices of thanksgiving were full of evil; therefore the Lord said, "Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, for this liketh you" (iv, 5), leaven being significant of evil everywhere in the Bible, even in Matt. xiii, 33, where our Lord in describing this present age, the mystery of the kingdom—that is, the condition of affairs while the kingdom is rejected and postponed—told us that the woman (the church) would thoroughly leaven or corrupt her food. Never was the food given to the church more corrupt than now, when nearly every fundamental truth is denied by many preachers and our Lord Jesus Himself is not counted a safe teacher, much less the Son of God; so we know that the age is drawing to a close and the time of Israel's restoration draweth near. The word of the Lord through Amos and every other prophet shall be fulfilled. "I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God" (Amos ix, 14, 15; Jer. xxxii, 41; Ezek. xxxvii, 21, 22).

They make a man an offender for a word and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate and turn aside the just for a thing of naught. They say, "Prophecy not unto us right things; speak unto us smooth things. Prophecy deceits, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us" (Isa. xxix, 21; xxx, 10, 11). They know not the thoughts of the Lord; neither understand they His counsel (Mic. iv, 12). They are full of unrighteousness and oppression, yet the Lord loved them and pitied them and by His prophets urged them to turn to Him that He might have mercy upon them. He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place and sent them His messengers, but they mocked the messengers of God and despised His words and misused His prophets until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people till there was no remedy (11 Chron. xxxvi, 15, 16)—that is, there was no remedy or, as in the margin, "healing" in anything that they could do. Yet He cries, "Deliver from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom (Job xxxiii, 24).

After He had visited upon their iniquities (Amos iii, 2) and allowed them to return to their land from the captivity in Babylon He in due time sent them the Ransom, the Deliverer, the Lord, their Righteousness, the long promised Messiah, but what is the record? "He was in the world, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not" (John i, 10, 11). Now, is there still any hope for such a people, who because of such great sin and crying "His blood be upon us and upon our children" have been scattered a byword and a reproach among all nations? We could not believe it if He had not said it, but since He has said that for His own Name's sake He will fulfill His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Mic. vii, 18-20; Ezek. xxxvi, 22) He will do it, and we must believe it. "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" (Rom. xi, 29, 33).

But those who are meek enough to believe what He has said by the prophets shall know His ways and His purposes, which are sure to be performed, for "surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos iii, 7). The Spirit through Peter says that prophecy is a light in a dark place unto which we do well to take heed in our hearts (11 Pet. i, 19). But there are many teachers in our day who, though wise in their own estimation, are foolish in the Lord's estimation because they will not believe what the Lord has spoken by His servants the prophets (Luke xxiv, 25). No matter what the wise of this world may think of us, let us by all means give earnest heed to the sure word of prophecy, for "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev. xix, 10). By all means read often the book of Revelation, for it is the only one of all the books that has a very special blessing for the reader and hearer (Rev. i, 3).

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