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MR. GLADSTONE AND THE TRANSVAAL.

The name and fame of Mr. Gladstone "the eminent Christian statesman," as he is often called, has been much used to bolster up the Boer cause. Few of those who so use it have a very clear conception of his entire attitude in connection with the matter. It is vaguely known that after the Battle of Majuba Hill he conceded the Boer demands for a partial independence, and that is about the sum of the popular impression on the subject.

It was under Lord Beaconsfield's administration that Sir Theophilus Shepstone proclaimed the annexation of the Transvaal in April 1877. Shepstone had with him a force of only 25 mounted police, when he took possession of the country in the name of the Queen, which, in the absence of further confirmation, affords sufficient evidence that the change was made with the consent, if not with the approbation of the Boer population. But when the British had conquered the Zulus and established peace and order, and after British rule had been established in the Transvaal for two years, the Boers in 1879 began to agitate for retrocession. In September of that year Sir Garnet Wolseley, now Lord Wolseley, went to the Transvaal, and after satisfying himself that the demands of the agitators ought not to be granted, issued a proclamation of which the following was the essential clause:

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim and make known, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen that it is the will and determination of Her Majesty's Government that this Transvaal Territory shall be and shall continue to be forever an integral portion of Her Majesty's dominions in South Africa."

This took place on the eve of a general election in the United Kingdom. Mr. Gladstone was then conducting his famous Midlothian campaign, during which, in an impassioned speech he made the following reference to the Transvaal: "What is the meaning of adding places like Cyprus and places like the country of the Boers in South Africa to the British Empire? And moreover I would say this: if those acquisitions were as valuable as they are valueless, I would repudiate them, because they are obtained by means dishonorable to the country."

The plain meaning of this was that if returned to power he would restore independence to the Transvaal. It was so understood by the Boers, who passed him a resolution of thanks. A little later they were rejoiced to find that Mr. Gladstone had been returned to power with a large majority. But they soon found that Mr. Gladstone as leader of the Opposition and Mr. Gladstone as leader of the Government were two different persons. For in opening the following session of Parliament in May, 1880 he put into the Queen's speech the following passage:

"In maintaining my supremacy over the Transvaal, with its diversified population, I desire both to make provision for the security of the indigenous races and to extend to the European settlers institutions based on large and liberal principles of self-government."

And the decision of the Government was communicated to South Africa by telegram as follows:—"Under no circumstances can the Queen's authority in the Transvaal be relinquished." Kruger and Joubert in a joint letter remonstrated. To them Mr. Gladstone replied:

"We have to deal with a state of things which has existed for a considerable period, during which obligations have been contracted, especially, though not exclusively, towards the native population, which cannot be set aside. Looking to all the circumstances both of the Transvaal and the rest of South Africa, and to the necessity of preventing a renewal of disorders which might lead to disastrous consequences [not only to the Transvaal but to the whole of South Africa, our judgment is that the Queen cannot be advised to relinquish her sovereignty over the Transvaal."

We all know what followed. The Boers were at once astonished and exasperated.

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They had respected the firm attitude of Beaconsfield. They were thoroughly disgusted with Gladstone, whose tactics betrayed infirmity of purpose. They revolted; Majuba was fought and lost; the disaster brought Mr. Gladstone to his knees and he made an ignoble surrender. He had done "too much to irritate, too little to subdue." We may all admire the high character, the great eloquence and ability of Mr. Gladstone, but from 1830 to 1885 his evil genius seems to have been in the ascendant. The two conventions of 1881 at Pretoria and of 1884 in London were his work. In the latter year he abandoned Gordon to his fate at Khartoum. It cost thousands of lives and millions of money to reconquer the Soudan. We see at what cost the British flag must now be restored at Pretoria.

The fact that the Legislature is called to meet three weeks hence naturally directs attention to the relative strength of parties. The resignation of Mr. Wise leaves a vacant seat. Both Hon. Mr. Peters and Mr. Pineau are at present absent from the Province. Should neither of them return to attend the session the

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House could not have more than 27 members present at any time. One of these being in the chair would leave an equal division of voting strength on the floor, as there are thirteen Opposition members at present in the Province. Under these conditions on a straight party vote Mr. Speaker Cummiskey would probably have to decide a tie vote. Should Mr. Peters return and Mr. Pineau remain away the ministerial position would be by so much improved. On the other hand, should Mr. Pineau take his seat with Mr. Peters absent there might be increased embarrassment. Something more than usual will depend upon members being in good health, so as to be able to remain at their posts and be present when a vote is to be taken. In any case the session promises to be unusually interesting.

Church Services

METHODIST.

Prince Street.—Prayer and Praise Service at 10.15. Rev. Dr. Jost at 11 and Rev. G.P. Raymond at 7. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at close of evening service.

Grace Church.—Prayer meeting at 10. Mr. James at 11 and Mr. Mellish at 7. Strangers cordially invited. Seats provided for strangers. Sunday School at 2.15. E. L. and C. E. at close of Sunday School. Evangelistic service at close of evening.

PRESBYTERIAN.

St. James.—Prayer meeting at 10; Rev. Mr. Fraser at 11 and 7. Sunday School and Bible Class at 2.30.

Zion.—Prayer meeting at 10. Rev. D. B. McLeod at 11 and 7. Sunday School and Bible Class at 2.30.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

St. Paul's.—Morning prayer at 11 a. m. Sunday school and Bible Class at 2.30. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8.30 a. m. and after the morning service. All seats free and unappropriated. Everybody welcome.

St. Peter's Cathedral.—Holy communion at 8 and 11 a. m., matins 10.15, evensong at 7. Children's Catechising and Bible Class at 2.30. All seats free and unappropriated.

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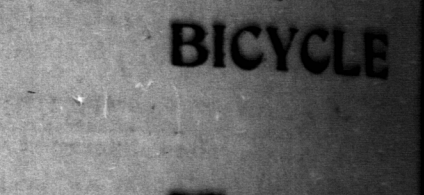
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