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ENGLAND'S MARVELLOUS MAN.

We do not exactly understand why any American who is true to republican principles and believes in real progress as well as in humanity and justice and the freedom of man, should oppose Irish Home Rule and particularly dislike Mr. Gladstone.

The world will indeed be very much poorer when William E. Gladstone dies. The great surprise beyond seas is how he can so completely dominate his discordant party, hold them together, and increase his power over the great British masses.

Recently Mr. Gladstone has both electrified Parliament and astonished the country at large. His speeches amaze the opposition leaders. We quote Lord Randolph Churchill's enforced tribute to the astounding fascination of Gladstone's oratory when he rose to make a very vain attempt at reply.

But there is a far more memorable tribute to Gladstone's extraordinary powers than that of Lord Churchill. Mr. Leonard Courtney has a paper in the last Nineteenth Century English Review.

Now for a few biographical data. He was born at Fayetteville, N. C. in 1844. He early volunteered in war times, entering at seventeen. He was almost mortally wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, but, recovering, was made Captain. Being too young to accept the commission he served as a non-commissioned officer to the end of the war.

Dr. Shepherd has published three volumes, is a very eminent and gifted lecturer upon literature, never writing his lectures, but speaking with the utmost facility and using the choicest, most scholarly, most precise diction. He is also a voluminous contributor to leading Northern and Southern literary and philosophical journals.

Those who were privileged to hear Mr. Gladstone's speech three weeks since on the subject of the resumption of the Brussels Congress (copied in large part in the Evening Post of March 11) must have been charmed with its play and power. As a debating achievement it was miraculous. The youngest might have envied its vivacity, and those who were subjected its badinage might have forgiven its satire in their admiration of the skill of the artist.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

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HOME FOLKS.

For Wilmington and the middle of April it was cool recently when the mercury stood at 12 degrees above freezing or 44 degrees.

There is a man at Redlands, California, by the name of David McCoy, who will soon celebrate his 103rd year if he lives a few days longer. He was born in Burke county, N. C. on 2nd May, 1790. He is hale, hearty and is looking to many more years for this life.

One of Gladstone's Work Days.

Earned a night's rest and a longer Easter holiday than he has allotted to himself and his. His work-to-day should make the eight hours' man blush. At bay in Downing street since twelve o'clock with two hostile deputations.

LADIES.

Needling a ton of children who want building up, should take BRONX BROTHERS.

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