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ENGLAND'S MARVELLOUS MAN. the freedom of man, should oppose Irish his country. He is not only a pure, noble statesman and sincere Christian, but he is intellectually a most wonderful man, who is to-day as great an astonishment to the British mind as any man who has figured in the brilliant annals of the great English race. Even now the opposition speakers, review writers and editors are perplexed to understand this marvellous man of intellectual vigor and might now nearing his eightyfourth year. His powers of toil, his indefatigable industry, his wide range formers, this most entrancing of orators of accomplishments, learning and experience, coupled with an oratory that has no rival now and has had none in more than half a century make him indeed wonderful. He is the most remarkable figure in British political history take him all and in all. We will copy elsewhere an extract from a recent article in London Punch written by Mr. H. W. Lucy under the title of "Essence of Parliament." It sets forth truthfully but amusingly one day's labor of the Grand Old Man-

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. A writer in the London Economist has essayed to ac count for this most extraordinary fact. His Cabinet is very strong and yet he is supreme. The N. Y. Evening Post in an editorial filling one and three quarter columns, discusses Gladstone with much interest. It says of his complete supremacy in his own Cabinet that his "colleagues, it must be remembered, number such men as Sir William Harcourt, Lord Rosebery, Lord Spencer, Lord Acton, Lord Herschel, Lord Kimberley, Mr. Mundella, Mr. Campbell Bannerman, Mr. Fowler, Mr. John Morley, Mr. James Bryce and several others of long and good standing in public life, of great weight with the country, and remarkable intellectual acumen. They could not be reduced to this tame acquiescence in all the dicta of their chief by the mere fact that he was very popular with the working classes, and flattered these classes by his deferential treatment of Recently Mr. Gladstone has both elec-

trified Parliament and astonished the

country at large. His speeches amaze the opposition leaders. We quoted 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. Lord Randolph said it was an "entrancing speech," and so it was, the Tories being the judges. No man in recent times has had a voice comparable to the wonderful instrument of vocalization with which God has endowed this splendid Victorian statesman and orator. 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. He bears testimony in a marked manner to the powers of exposition and persuasion of the Liberal leader. The Evening Post says of Mr. Courtney that as chairman of committees in the last Parliament, a place which he was universally acknowledged to have filled better than it had ever been filled before. He was one of the members of the late Monetary Commission, which reported against bimetallism. He is a Liberal-Unionist who deserted Mr. Gladstone on the home rule question. and undoubtedly the clearest and perhaps coldest thinker of the lot, and the least likely to be led astray and charmed by mere rhetoric." So he would hardly the end of the year 1882, at which time be carried away by an old man of nearly eighty-four speaking upon a dry financial question. Let us say, before quoting from him, that Mr. Gladstone is the one British statesman since the Younger Pitt, who can make an entertaining, even enthralling, speech upon financial questions. He has often done this. He recently did this and Mr. Courtney ac-Post. Said Mr. Courtney:

"Those who were privileged to hear of the Brussels Conference [copied in large part in the Ecening Post of March might have envied its vivacity, and those who were subjected its badinage might have forgiven its satire in their form of the speech was well-nigh per-

per is well worth copying. It says that hundred times." The first time we mendous force to make the impression was of course speaking memoriter, alwhich Mr. Gladstone makes on an authough he had not a note before him. dience on the whole so critical and His English was so elegant and his fluunimpressionable as what is called ency se perfect that it never occurred "the educated" in England, which Mr. to us that he was merely doing as was Gladstone invariably addresses and his wont-extemporising. North Carolargely dominates, for even his oppolina may well be proud of such a scholar nents have to resist violently and call and such a Christian gentleman.

for help in order not to be carried off captives by him."

But Mr. Gladstone is not merely a lebater like Charles James Fox was, of an orator of commanding force and fascination, with an organ-like voice of singular attraction and power. He is a great statesman, a man of vast readng who has assimilated his knowledge. He is a writer upon a vast range of subjects who always interests and draws men to him. His laboriousness is unexampled almost. We must draw upon the able New York paper for an instructive paragraph. It says:

"When the Economist remarks, en passant as it were, "that he carried out with singularly ability the work of free trade initiated through Sir Robert Peel,' it virtually calls attention to the fact that Mr. Gladstone framed and carried We do not exactly understand why any American who is true to republican legislative acts in English history, principles and believes in real progress which have literally resulted in the as well as in humanity and justice and transformation of the country and the ger than in 1878 or 1889, as was to have creation of a new England, which Peel himself would hardly recognize. In of increasing solar activity. The eclipse Home Rule and particularly dislike Mr. other words, he has been the author of observations showed conclusively that Gladstone. There has been no really the most beneficent and in its effects the sun is now far from being quiescent, greater political figure in the march of most far reaching of modern revolu-Not less remarkable was his the centuries. He has done more to abolition of those two most flagrant emancipate British serfdom and enlarge abuses, the Irish Church establishment the rights of mankind than any man of the rights of mankind than any man of the system of purchase in the army. Color of the corona was rather whitish than red and of a pale or pearly white been since Pitt's day freely acknowl- hue. edged by every Liberal statesman. They were rooted in some of the deepest and oldest prejudices of English society, and had grown into vested interests of immense size and strength. But when the time came, he tackled them with

remorseless courage, energy and skill," When this noble statesman, this devout believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, this ornament to the Established Church of England, this greatest of English statesmen, this foremost of political rethis master of assemblies, this friend of the toiling, suffering masses, this highest expression of British ability, de votion to duty and right and justice, this man of large soul, generous im pulses, manifold virtues passes beyond the flood and that imperial mind cease to operate for the uplifting of humanity then the world will have indeed lost its noblest treasure. Behind his most useful and commanding life are "forty years of achievement in legislation such as no other English statesman has to

HENRY E. SHEPHERD, LL. D.

While we have a warm admiration and the kindest personal friendship for Henry E. Shepherd, LL. D., President have not known many of the particu- tails of their research, and has since lars of his life. From a sketch in the helped them to decipher the manuscript, Illustrated American for April, 1893, we get some facts concerning this eminent North Carolina scholar whom we regard as facile princeps among the men of letters of this State, past and present. We mentioned that Dr. Shepherd had been appointed on the Coun cil of Historical L.terature for the World's Columbian Exposition. Illustrated American has very high praise for him and says that he probably the most progressive, as also the first, English scholar of America. We like that. It says farther: "Dr Shepherd has earned for himself, by his great literary attainments, a name alike honored in this country and Eu rope, where genius such as his is al ways accorded a hearty welcome."

It refers to the great destinction paid him by the University of Oxford, Eng and, to which the Messenger has a ready referred. At the close of the in troduction to the great "Historical Die tionary of the English Language," now being issued by the Clarendon Press, at Oxford, special mention is made in most laudatory terms to an article written by him, at the request of Dr. Basil Gildersleeve, for the American Journal rf Philology, and published in the October number of that magazine in 1880. Students of English in every part of the world are advised by the editors of the English dictionary to consult this article which is so conspicuously called to their attention. It consists merely of the history of two words, "Coincide" and 'Coincidence," traced through a period extending over six hundred years-that s, from mediæval Latin into English, through all their mutations and vicissi-

to accept the commission he served as a non-commissioned officer to the end of

Dr. Shepherd was educated at the University of Virginia, and had an eslanguages. His professional life began in Baltimore soon after the close of the war, and he made his home there until he assumed the presidency of the College of Charleston, S. C. He was engaged in many important academic trusts in Baltimore, and was Superin-

Dr. Shepherd has published three volumes, is a very eminent and gifted lecturer upon literature, never writing knowledges it, while strongly combat- his lectures, but speaking with the ut ting his position. We now copy an ex- most facility and using the choicest, ract taken from the English Review most scholarly, most precise diction named which we find in the Evening He is also a voluminous contributor to He is also a voluminous contributor to leading Northern and Southern literary ane philological journals. We lately re-Mr. Gladstone's speech three weeks ferred to his excellent paper in the since on the subject of the resumption | Sewance Quarterly-the able, scholarly magazine published at the Episcopal [1] must have been charmed with its University of the South. The Illusplay and power. As a debating achieve- trated American says that his "work ment it was miraculous. The youngest has been time and again recognized in Europe and in the amplest and most generous way. He has been a lecturer admiration of the skill of the artist. The in English in nearly every part of the country-North and South-having spoken in that capacity to classes of college The comment of the New York pa- presidents and professors at least five foratory must be an instrument of tre- heard the Doctor lecture we thought he

THE ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

The observations of the sun made at the Chilian observatory on Sunday is reported in the New York Herald to have been a splendid success. Professor W. H. Pickering, an American astronomer, made the observations and reports results in the Herald of Monday. Photography was freely used. The observations were taken from the Andes mountains at the Harvard College station on Hina Aris. All the phases of the sun were clearly seen, there being were taken. It was found that the sun

no clouds of haze to disturb the observers. Fine photographs of the corona was disturbed and there were bright torchlight streaks on the face of the great orb. Professor Pickering cables of the disturbances:

"To be more explicit the outer corona was unusually extended and much larbut is in a state of great disturbance. There were very distinct evidences of great spottedness and the present of aculae or bright torch like streaks. The color of the corona was rather whitish

A FIND OF EXTRAORDINARY IN-

this discovery. The Syriac Versions heretofore have been very important but here is one still older and, therefore, more precious and important. It was at this very convent that the eminent Russian biblical scholar Tischendoff discovered the oldest and most important Vaticanus is as old and as perfect. It is known among scholars as the Codex Sanaiticus. We learn from the Philadelphia Record that this latest discovery is substantially complete. whereas later Syriac versions were frog mentary. The Record adds this interesting bit of news that "the discovery was made by two ladies furnishes evi dence of the patience and acumen of the sex in Biblical research. There is also reason for national and local pride in the circumstance that Professor Harris, of the College of Charleston, S. C., we who instructed the ladies in certain de-

EDITORIAL ENTREES.

Wisconsin will send to the Chicago Fair a stone that is said to be the biggest on the earth. It will rest upon a foundation of granite 10 feet high and 12 feet square. It is 115 feet long, feet square at the top and 10 feet at the bottom. It is nearly 10 feet higher than the Egyptian obelisk at Rome now the largest in the world, as its dimensions are 106 feet in length and feet 2 inches at the base.

Alexander of Servia is not but 20 years ld. He has aroused Europe and attracted the eyes of the world to him by his bold stroke by which on Thursday of las week he seized possession of the Government and from being a Prince with a Board of Regents and Ministers he quietly became a King. These guardians were enjoying a feast given by the Prince, when to their great astonment they learned that he had assumed the powers of a Monarch. His soldiers had done the work. But the end is not yet. Recent news indicates that the party of liberty are striving to checkmate the youthful usur per.

Our life-long and venerable friend. Daniel R. Goodloe, of Washington, D. C., but a native of North Carolina, who is a man of good abilities, and an old, thoroughly trained journalist, has an interesting article in the Washington Post on "How to raise revenue." He asks shall it be by land tax or by incomes. He agrees with the able New York tax reformer, Thomas G. Shear-Now for a few biographical data. He man, that the Government will have to was born at Fayetteville, N. C., in 1844. resort to "direct taxation" as a positive He early volunteered in war times, en- necessity in order to raise the needed tering at seventeen. He was almost revenue. He favors an income tax mortally wounded at the battle of Get- and his reasons for opposing a tax on tysburg, July 3, 1863, but, recovering, land or real estate are strong and, we was made Captain. Being too young think, conclusive. But more of this

It is well known that elephants are wonderfully intelligent. We heard a showman say many years ago that in pecially high rank in literature and the vain was an effort to compel the great elephant Columbus to cross a bridge in Western North Carolina. He had to be driven through the ford of the stream. They could not understand it until it was remembered that several years before the menagerie had passed that way and one of the abutments of the bridge had given way while the elephant was tendent of Public Instruction from 1875 upon it and had injured him somewhat. He had not forgotten it. We are reminded of this by an account from Pittsburg, Penn., of an elephant's attack upon a boy who in company with others was looking at her at the Zoo. It was with the greatest difficulty that the boy's life was saved. Five years ago he jabbed a nail in the trunk of the she would let the boy go.

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One of Gladstone's Work Days. [H. W. Lucy in London I unch.] Earned a night's rest and a longer Easter holiday than he has allotted to himself and us. His work to-day should make the eight hours' man blush. At bay in Downing street since twelve o'clock with two hostile deputations. Came from Ulster and the City, re-solved to beard home-rule lion in his den. Alone he met them; one down, the other come on; no interval of rest; picked men from Ulster. Selected captains from the city surged around table at which he sat. Hardly left him time to reply. Having politely conducted Ulster to door, enter the city fathers, fresn and eager for the fray. Told him over again, in varied phrase, how he was bringing country to verge of ruin; listened with perfect courtesy, as if That is certainly a very great find that is announced by cable to have occurred in the convent at Mount Sinai. Downing Street. Up again when last It is the discovery of the manuscript of in list of city speakers had It is the discovery of the manuscript of the earliest Syrian Version of the New Lubbeck to be Home-Ruler; then down Testament. Biblical scholars will at to house, dealing with mass of corrence apprehend the great importance of spondence littering his table in room behind Speaker's chair; alert on sound of division-bell; comes in to move closure; remembers that in long list of speeches never made this particular one before; looks up Palgrave's 'Handbook' cons his lesson and declaims brief formula in deep rich voice that lends touch of eloquence its unadored, remorseless demand. All this, too, following on a of Codices of the Bible, unless the Codex day like yesterday, when two other Vaticanus is as old and as perfect. It deputations stormed Downing Street; drew from him weighty reply; followed. after hasty dinner, by a speech in the House on the eternal Irish question,

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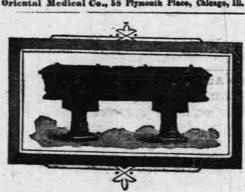
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