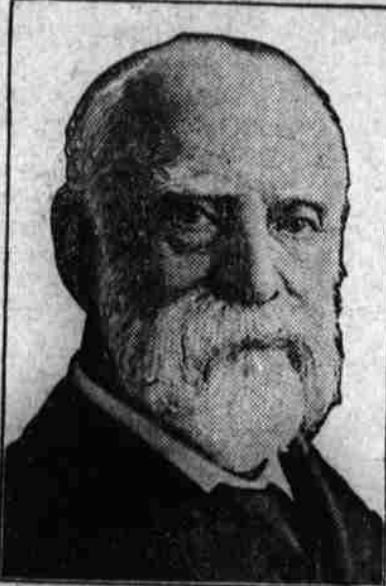


IN THE LIMELIGHT

JAMES BRYCE A BUSY MAN



The Rt. Hon. James Bryce, when he left the British embassy at Washington, announced that he was retiring from public life. That may have been true, but like many another retired British statesman, he is finding that he is busier in his retirement than he was as an ambassador.

Since his return to London from his around-the-world trip, Mr. Bryce has had not many days to himself. He did for a few weeks go into retirement at his modest country home, "Hind-leap," Forest Row, Sussex, but his retirement was almost entirely taken up in writing, for Mr. Bryce is certain to give the public something about the countries he visited after leaving America, and perhaps a book about America.

His real work henceforth, however, will doubtless be, as one writer has aptly put it, "to express the needs of the community upon the broader sides of life." Since his return home Mr. Bryce has delivered a number of addresses on a great variety of subjects. As popular as he was in America as a speaker, he is likely to become as popular in his own country.

KING FERDINAND AS SUPPLIANT

King Ferdinand spent the month of November in Vienna, a humble suppliant for his own throne. It is said. Because of this visit, the report went forth from Sofia that this talented scion of the house of Coburg, who but a short time ago was to revive in all of its ancient glories and breadth and width the old Bulgarian empire, is to be forced to abdicate in favor of his own son, Crown Prince Boris.

The role of suppliant sits so ill on no one as it does on this proud, ambitious man. He has all the pride of rank and family and the yearning for success where others have failed and where he came so near achieving. He comes of two great families, a son of Prince Auguste of Saxe-Coburg and Princess Clementine, daughter of Louis Philippe, king of France, and is thus a cousin to most of the crowned heads of Europe.

It was but five years ago that he paid another visit to Vienna and so well and diplomatically performed his mission that he returns to Sofia to realize one of his dreams. The day that Austria-Hungary annexed Bosnia-Herzegovina Prince Ferdinand proclaimed the independence of Bulgaria, the absorption of eastern Rumelia and the assumption by himself of royalty at the old cathedral in the ancient Bulgarian capital of Tirnova.

But the disasters of war and blunders of diplomacy followed one on top of the other in a year packed with more epoch making events than ever before in the history of Bulgaria, and the restless, ambitious Ferdinand saw his vast schemes and his grand dreams of empire dissipated.

So it is that the king to whom the Bulgarians could not have paid sufficient honor a few months ago was away from his capital. One morning he found a big "To Let" card on the gate of the palace. It was an invitation that letters threatening death and marks of disrespect whenever he appeared on the streets made all the more emphatic.



AIDS WIVES OF PRISONERS



The duchess of Marlborough, who has opened a new work in Sunderland house in aid of prisoners' wives, is the busiest philanthropist in London today. She found time, however, to co-operate in organizing a great picture charity ball in Albert hall a few days ago, in which she appeared in Greek costume.

Every year the scope of the duchess' activities widens. She is seemingly unable to resist any appeal made to her in a deserving cause. For the last few weeks she has made public engagements every day in addition to attending committees and making her own rounds among her charges.

Sunderland house has become a center of philanthropic undertakings, as was Grosvenor house for a generation under the late duke of Westminster.

The duchess of Marlborough bade farewell at Euston station to her brother, William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who left London on a special train to board the steamship Coronia at Liverpool.

The duchess was recognized by many persons on the platform. She wore a blue minaret skirt, green plaid jersey coat and a silk shirtwaist open at the neck, showing a string of pearls. Her hat was trimmed with a chaplet of white roses.

VISCOUNT HALDANE PRAISES AMERICA

The Thanksgiving dinner of the American society in London was noteworthy because of the pronouncement of the British government's indorsement of the Monroe doctrine by Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor.

"I recently made a visit to the United States," Lord Haldane said, "and came back not only with a vivid recollection of the cordial welcome I received, but with a deep sense of the high ideals the British and American nations held in common—the high ideals of citizenship of the two countries.

"Before he became president, Woodrow Wilson was a thinking man and a moralist. In studying his career I cannot fail to be impressed by his detached character, and find that he has not ceased to be a thinker and a moralist because he has become the holder of a great office. We see in him the aspirations and ideals expressed of his nation to the world. It is not his expressed declaration that the policy of the United States is not one of conquest and annexation; but the world enormous position and possessions, to carry on its traditions without adding to its possessions."



INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 21

DIVISION OF THE LAND.

LESSON TEXT—Joshua 14:1-4. GOLDEN TEXT—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:33.

Following the defeat at Ai we see Joshua building an altar at Ebal (ch. 8) and reading again "all that Moses commanded" (v. 35), to the Israelites and the strangers as well. Then follows an account of his campaigns. A military critic has classed Joshua with the Alexanders, Caesars, Napoleons, Wellingtons and Grants of all ages. His dealing with the Gibeonites and its after effects was one error in his campaign, for he failed to take counsel of Jehovah. At the close of the war (ch. 11) Joshua is ready to divide the long-promised inheritance, chapters 12-21.

I. Those left behind, vv. 1-5. Read carefully Numbers ch. 32 to recall the story of those who, like Lot of old, saw good grazing land and chose it in preference to that on the farther side of Jordan, that possessed by the "children of Anak." Subsequent history reveals the foolishness of their choice, for they were the first to fall before the enemies of Israel when the kingdom was broken up. The Levites (v. 4) were not to have a portion but rather they were to dwell in selected cities with suburban property.

Caleb Not an Israelite. II. Caleb claims his inheritance, vv. 6-12. Joshua was old and stricken in years (13:1) and now Israel is before him, each of the remaining nine and one-half tribes, to have apportioned unto them a permanent dwelling place after life long years of wilderness wandering, and the more recent campaign of subjugation. Before Joshua casts the lot, however, Caleb recalls the promise Moses had made to him 45 years before (v. 10). From a comparison of v. 6 R. V., Gen. 15:19 and Josh. 15:13 it appears that Caleb was not an Israelite by birth, but nevertheless he claims an inheritance among them, based upon the promise of Moses, "the man of God," because he had "wholly followed the Lord my God" v. 9. His name literally means "a dog"—yet this dog of a Gentile got more than the crumbs that fell from the master's table, Matt. 15:26. Caleb rested upon the sure word of God, and to remember this promise was not an act of selfishness. How those events in the valley of Eschel must have stood out in the memory of Caleb and Joshua. They remembered how their companions caused the hearts of the people "to melt" Num. 14:37. That day's work was one of serious results and so shall it be for their imitators of the present day. To see the giants and not, as Caleb, to see God had brought death. In his heart, however, Caleb treasured God's word and now at eighty-five he has not alone been "kept alive," but he is as strong as on that day, when in the prime of his manhood, Moses had sent him forth with the twelve.

Remembered God's Promise. III. A promise fulfilled vv. 13-15. Joshua at once recognizes the justice and validity of Caleb's claim. He remembered God's promise, Num. 14:24-30; Deut. 1:36-38, therefore he at once grants the request and adds to it his blessing. Hebron, means "joining," "union," "fellowship." Thus we see Caleb entering into all the rights, privileges and blessings of any of the descendants of Jacob. Is this not typical of our privilege in Christ Jesus? John 15:5; 14:20; 1 John 1:3. See also Matt. 8:11, 12. The only condition is that of faith in God and in his Word, Gal. 3:7, 26, 29. "Thus faith in the case of Caleb is revealed as the principle which follows fully, waits patiently, asks for new opportunities for its exercise, and gains finally a victory."—G. Campbell Morgan.

The Golden Text. The essential value of this lesson is expressed in these words of our Lord. To seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness first, is the matter of supreme importance and involves following the Lord fully. Frequently, constantly, this means a long postponement of the day of our visible vindication. Yet such postponement is not the result of the capriciousness of God, nor is it delayed beyond the hour necessary for the working out of the plans of Jehovah, in accordance with the very best means. As Caleb waited those 45 years his strength waxed not, and all things needful were supplied. The point is not so much that he at last gained the inheritance, but that during the period of waiting his sustenance and his raiment were provided. All through the year we have been hearing of promises which were conditional upon loyalty to God and obedience to his will. Today we see a fulfillment of the promise made over and over again that Israel should possess the Promised Land. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman asked Gen. William Booth for the secret of his success in the Salvation Army and his reply was, "God has had all there was of me."

Caleb's was a vigorous, happy old age; he had not wasted anxious thought on the morrow; he kept alive his interest in the ever-throbbing present.

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