

SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN. Latest Photograph of England's New Prime Minister.

precedence of all barons, earls, marguises and dukes, ranking next to the Archbishop of Canterbury. By taking any job that turned up and simply do-ing his level best he has outstripped all competitors in the Liberal ranks and reached the topmost round of the political ladder.

BEST MAN NOT BRILLIANT.

But the best man is never brilliant. le owes his present position not to platform gifts, not to dialectical skill, not to transcendent powers in the high-est regions of statesmanship, but to the undoubted tenacity with which he has always stuck to his opinions, and unyielding courage with which he his party in the dark days of unled his party popularity. His genial good humor, pertinacity and stubbornness have kept him to the front rank while men of greater ability, but less resolute, have flitted temporarily across the stage of e life

in one of Sir John Teniel's cartoons "Punch" Sir Henry was depicted as butier. It did not require much caricaturing to make him look like one. He has the kindly, shrewd, genial and a the same time evnical face of the well trained man servant of the old ser He carries his head it is one of the biggest in the house of commons-a litthe to one side and looks as if ne could reveal a great deal that would be in-teresting if only he were minded to tell racteristic turbabill Nothing ever ruffles him. As an Irishman once said, 'lou can neither depress him, nor provoke him, ner tire him out." His most val able political asset is shrewd common sense, He is slow but safe. He is slow of speech, slow of argument, not nimble in the cut and thrust of debate, like berlain, for instance, but when time to consider he is effective, when has taken up a position he wheever opposes. He has never been whoever opposes. He has never even suspected of having an axe of his own rind and his integrity and homes of purpose has never been called in

Heredity counts for much in Sir make up. He is the son of p linen draper and prood of it. Scotet and William Campbell, Sir Hen-her and uncle respectively, were assistants in a draper's shop in Glastow in the earlier half of the last cen-tury. In those days the one price syshad not come into vogue. An article that was ticketed at nye shilling might often be purchased for four by shrewd bargainer, who was not to be taken in by the mendacity of the sales-man. It happened that the famous Dr. Chaiman dalaced that the famous Dr. delivered a series of lecturers to business men in Glasgow on "Business Morality." In the course of which he strongly denounced the sys tem as corrupt. The lectures made strong impression on the young Camp-bells. They urged their employer put a notice in the window, "No second prices in this establishment." and make the niedro good good morals but good business.

would ever have dreamed of taking similar liberty with Sir Michael Hicks Beach, for instance, who is sometimes credited with the fashionable hyphen. Because of his peppery temper and domineering manner he was long ago given the sobriquet of "Black Michael." A nimble witted Conservative once ob-served that "Campbell-Bannerman" sounded like somebody falling down

stairs. But it has not prevented "C.B." from climbing to the top about as early -he is now 69-as it used to be thought respectful for one to become prime minister. The name of Banner-man is popularly supposed to be of Teutonic origin, but in Sir Henry's case it is derived from a long line of ances-tors who were hereditary banner-bearers to the kings of Scotland.

IN PARLIAMENT AT 32.

Sir Henry was educated at Came and entered parliament 32 years old as mem-for Stirling and has sat bridge when ber continuously for that constituency for 37 years—a sufficient proof that his personality and political views are ac-ceptable to the Scottish electors. From the beginning of his career he was marked out for advancement, but none of his warmest friends would then have ventured to predict that he would be-come prime minister or even leader of the house of commons. He seemed de stined, rather, to figure among the highly esteemed but distinctly secondrate politicians whose claims to cab inet rank are recognized on condition that, when the time comes for younger press forward, they will up plainingly retire-either with or without

MADE FINANCE SECRETARY.

He had been only three years in the house when Mr. Gladstone, who had noted his capacity for official business and the ease with which he mastered dry details made him financial secretary to the war office. Had it then been told of him that he would one day wear the mantle of the great Liberal statesman he would have treated the prediction with scornful laughter, was wont to say that even up to last so overpowering was the personality of Mr. Gladstone that he never came into the presence of his great leader without feeling like an awkward schoolboy in the presence of his master. Great men generally like to be treated with deference. Sir Henry's at-titude towards his chiefs enhanced his chief's good opinion of him. He was m de financial scoretary to the war office again in 1889 and stuck there for two years. Then followed another two

building forms the entrance of the monastery. A huge conical door, for-bidding in appearance, bears the no-tice: "Ladies are never permitted to tice: "Ladies are never bermitted to visit the monastery on any account." A metal bell-pull of quaint design hangs outside, and a jerk upon this sends a bell jang!' g in a sepulchral passage, as if the sound were at the bottom of a well. Presently a small door cut inside the big one opens, and a s monk, clad in flowing white robes silent -his head shaven clean-beckons you with-

The recention room on the left is op ened with a great key and you are ushered into an apartment which boasts a deal table, a straight-backed chair and a floor as hare as a tombstone. The

monk locks you in the room, and after half an hour's wait the key again grates in the lock and you are beckoned to sages, each going to his own cell. Thus

When every member of the commun-ity is in his allotted place the tiny lamps are extinguished. The only light re-maining is that of the sacristy lamp hanging in front of the altar. This lamp sheds a red glow over the bending figures of the monks, their white garments seeming tinged with fire here and there. Swaying their bodies slightly lathe. This work room enables the monk to take proper exercise. He is to and fro they begin a strange, weird chant which almost approaches to a wail. One side of the church takes up the song and the other answers, and thus the curious chanting goes on for two hours without interruption. At the end of that time the tiny lamps are again lighted by a lay brother and the monks in perfect silence, and without



EAT IN THEIR OWN CELLS.

found here, even a first-rate turning

The Carthusian monks do not even go out to meals; but each repast is brought to the cell and pushed through a species of trapdoor. This operation is performed in silence, neither the one bringing the meal nor the recipient say-ing a word. The meal is brought in three separate cans. like a workman's dinner pail. The bottom can contains soup, the second fish, the third two kinds of vegetables and some fruit. A bottle of wine is also served with the dinner. No meat is eaten, the Carthu-sians being strict vegetarians. Concerning this vegetarian diet the strictest rules prevail. Even if a monk is dying and meat should be ordered by a doctor, if is not given. In the early ages of the order, one of the popes triad to persuade the Carthushans to relax their abstemious diet; but a deputation waited upon him and succeeded in per-suading the pope that vegetables were the very best possible food. Today all the monks are hearty and robust look-ing, and their health certainly speaks well for their form of diet.

ITS FINE LIBRARY.

One of the most striking features of the monastery is its fine library, which occupies a handsome apartment. All the books are beautifully bound, and there is evidence of great taste and the expenditure of a large sum of money

Just back of the library is a private chapel in which are the relics of many well-nuthenticated saints. The wax fig-ure of a saint is shown underneath the altar in this room, and immediately be-low it his skeleton reposes in a glass case. Near this room are some won-derfully painted pictures showing the mertyrdom of certain Carthusian frings England during the times of perso sution. The scenes are revolting realls the the very walls seeming to drip with blood. Another picture in a side room shows a row of monks hanging by chains to the wall, the scene being painted so realistically that it is war-ranted to haunt the recollection of any

one who has seen if. Altogether it might truthfully be said that this monastery—which has been in existence about 30 years—is one of the strangest institutions in the world. Situsted in the midst of Protestant Eng-land, the monks live the life of the middle ages, absolutely oblivious to the surrou-ding world or the progress of the most wonderful of the centuries. W. B. NORTHROP.

not required to make anything in par-ticular with his tools; but he usually spends his time in the workshop in exploring most of the countries a Europe. And now the restless dowage making some object of devotion. He also chops his own firewood down in queen yearns for the novel experience and larger freedom to be found in the the carpenter shop. This workshop is the principal means of keeping the new world She is especially anxious to set something of the wild west. The other day, speaking to an American of he desire to visit the United States, shi said innocently, "I want particularily to go west, as I know Bret Harte' monks in good health, for, as nearly

QUEEN MOTHER OF ITALY.

Who Will Tour the United States in Her Motor Car Next Spring.

sketches well, and I should so like to meet some of his types." One won ders what would happen if the good queen, who is graciousness itself, bu an aristocrat to her finger tips, should suddenly appear in a mining camp it Nevada. But this is the spirit in which

castle of Stupinigi, which is her for

vorite summer residence. Since she took to "moting" Rome has seen lit

tle of her, as she has devoted hersel

she is planning her trip. Queen Margherita is not by ant means a novice at motor traveling. Sh knows what it is to have a breakdown in the country miles from help, to hav collisions, to be stoned, and to be los for hours without food, but the mor adventures she has the more her apps tite for them increases; thus her fixe intention to explore outside Europe.

LIKES AMERICAN WOMEN.

American women have always had t powerful attraction for Queen Mar sherits, their delicate, fair type of beauty appealing powerfully to her and their frankness and self-possession and their frankness and self-possession introducing a fresh element in the mon-otony of her "circles," as the roya presentations are called. In the queen' youth Mrs. Marsh, wife of the Ameri-can minister to Piedmont, was greatly admired by her and exercised consider able influence on the unincess? educe able influence on the princess' educe, tion through her German governess who came to Mrs. Marsh for advice

who came to Mrs. Marsh for advice Ever since then Queen Margherita has had a high regard for Americana which several pretty severe shock have not served to diminish. Strangely enough, the queen mother used to be much prejudiced against mo-tor cars, and would not hear of enter ing one it is said because she corrid ing one, it is said, because she considered them so ugly and dangerous. On day, however, she allowed herself to be persuaded to take a spin with her son, King Victor; but, alas! the brak refused to work, and they negotiate a hill at a pace which made Queer Margherita's hair stand on end, and worse still, they ran over a dog, bu with it all the royal lady felt that sh had at last found a cure for her mala dies-melancholy and restleseness.

IN HER PRESENCE.

The first time King Humbert's lift was attempted was in her presence and the shack so effected her nerve that the doctors were seriously alarm ed. although the public in general was unaware of the fact. Her nervousnes took the form of extreme and acut restlessness, which would not allow he any repose. Motor cars were then un known, so she was taken to Nice, ao companied by a most accomplished mu sictan, whose duty and delight it to play to her for hours. Under Wal thi treatment, which was very slow, sh



THE WORLD'S LARGEST MONASTERY.

The Exterior of the Church in Which the English Carthusian Monks Hold The Weird Midnight Prayer Service Which They Believe Keeps the Universe From Destruction.

murders Sir Henry was made chief secretary for freland. Sir George Tavelyan had entered upon that office with a splendid shock of black and had returned in a short time hair and with his raven locks grizzled. Sir Henry's acceptance of the office showed that he was not afraid to risk his life and his \$250.000 a year out of which he got a vast amount of enfoyment. As T. P. O'Connor has acknowledged, the Irish Nationalists expected to find him two years. Then followed another two years as secretary to the admiralty.
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Then came a job which proved that sir Henry was something more than a good emergency man. In the Irish and that best was a good deal better than any of his predecessors had done.
That was because his common sense

any railway station. It is near Part-ridge Green, 14 miles from Brighton

and about two hours' ride from London; Far back in the days of St. Bruno,

hundreds of years ago, monks of the Carthusian order found themselves re-treats in mountain fastnesses, and the

representatives of the order in England even in this century, have made their

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QUIET SECLUSIVE LIFE.

It is, however, rather remarkable that this great monastery has not been however, rather remarkable

written about in this age of publicity Part of its seclusiveness has been ob

tained by the fact that the order has

made no effort to take part in any

movement of this age. Its members do not teach schools, or till the soll, or write books, or do anything that might

claim for them worldly recognition. Their one effort seems to have been

to escape notice. Their lives have been devoted solely to prayer for a sinful world, silent contemplation, and living

in a manner utterly dead to the world Kings and governments may pas

away, dynasties may be disrupted, Lon-don might be in flames, the close re-ligious community at Partridge Green

would know nothing about it, or, if they did, would take no notice.

It is one of the absolute beliefs of the Carthusians at this particular mon-astery that they are doing an immense service to the world by their life of prayer and self-abnegation. In a book

written by one of their members the distinct claim is made that if they

ceased from their prayers for a mo-ment the end of the world would come

To quote this writer's own words, "If tomorrow our lips were closed, if our discouraged hands were let fall to the

ground, if we gave up the painful paths of penance, the world would be car-ried away like a blade of grass by the storms of divine vengeance."

MUST FORGET ALL.

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ply with Carthusian requirements

one has to forget that there is anything

and then these men speak to each other

about him, if he wishes to com

The rigors of life in this community

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saved him from making the mistake of attempting too much and turning things upside down. He held the ofturning fice for one year and when he returned from Ireland he was a chubby, rubicund and beamingly good-natured as ever, ready to tackle the next job that turned up. And the warm-hearted but impetuous Irish folk who had tried best to hate him had grown to like him.

It was natural that when Mr. Glad-stone formed his third cabinet in 1886 he should reward his loyal and capa-ble follower with the important office of secretary of war. He held the same office from 1892 to 1895, the last year un der Lord Rosebery's administration. I was due to the reluctance of Mr. Glad-stone's and Lord Rosebery's governstone's and Lord money's govern-ments to expend money on the army estimates that Sir Henry's department was caught short on cordite, and the exposure of the deficient supply of that death-dealing explosive lead to the overthrow of the government. As war minister his chief achieve-

monts were the introduction of the eight-hour day in army supply factories and getting rid of that royal old fogy, the Duke of Cambridge, as commanderin-chief. It is curious to recall that on the very afternoon on which Sir Henry informed the house of commons that the duke had been bounced he himself was dismissed by that whiff of cordite. It didn't worry him a bit. He cracked a joke over the humorous irof the coincidence and light-heartresigned himself to whatever might turn up.

Every body knows that he espoused the unpopular side in the Boer war. That made him intensely unpopular with the majority, but having taken his line he stuck to it. The stubborn res-olution with which he stood his ground has won him a large measure of the respect and confidence which he en-joys today. While others took a mid-dle course and sought the favor of course and sought the favor of opponents, Sir Henry was content to

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