

serenely happy old man, still finding a great joy in living and looking forward to death, which cannot now be far off, without a vestige of fear. Of what are accounted hardships he had his share in his younger days, but they have left no traces upon him.

#### BEFORE HE WAS BORN.

His father died three months before he was born, leaving his mother to fight life's battle with a large family dependent upon her. He remembers hearing her say to him when he was still too young to grasp the meaning of her words, "They told me when your dear father died that you would be the Lord's gift to cheer and comfort me in my widowhood." That he fulfilled that prediction is the achievement of his life of which he is most proud. When a child of five he began attending the Friends' chapel at Newport, and too young to comprehend the sermon used to solace himself by reading the hymn book. He was only a few years older when he began writing hymns himself. Because of his mother's poverty he received but a scanty education, and when a mere boy he had to turn breadwinner himself. Apart from the Bible poetry constituted his favorite reading and the Sunday school at which he was a teacher in his teens strengthened his bent for devotional compositions. He was only 19 when his first hymn was published.

#### HIS MOTHER'S INFLUENCE.

To his mother's influence he ascribes all the good that he has accomplished and all the happiness that has attended his long life. No man ever revered a mother more. He delights to talk of her still and deeply touching are the old man's tributes to her memory. "Every mother," he says, "possesses the God-placed instinct to protect and cherish, but only a godly mother has spiritual intelligence to lead in what is holy, sacred and divine. Several times it was my great grief to see my mother seemingly on the verge of eternity. A palpitation of the heart to which she was subject was sometimes so acute that death seemed imminent and her departure near. But death she dreaded not. 'Is it death?' she would say as calmly as her agitated frame would al-

#### ENGLAND'S NEXT PREMIER.



SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN

The days of the Balfour ministry seem to be numbered, and any day may witness a vote of confidence in parliament with the fall of the present cabinet. As the Balfour cabinet stands practically on the Chamberlain fiscal and protectionist policy, it is but natural to expect that the next cabinet will be formed by England's greatest free trader, who is undoubtedly Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

#### AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.



HENRY WHITE

Henry White, who has been the first secretary of the embassy to the Court of St. James, has received a reward for his conscientious labors in London by being appointed United States ambassador to Italy. Mr. White will undoubtedly prove an equally strong man in his new berth.

How, "Is it death?" I'm not afraid. At such seasons I could only repeat to her her favorite and oft-quoted lines:

"Yet a little and we know  
Happy entrance will be given  
All our sorrows left below  
And earth exchanged for heaven."

Despite these seizures she lived long years beyond the allotted span, and on

each recurring birthday Mr. Midlane used to present her with a copy of congratulatory verses. This is the description he gave me of her end:

"The sun was setting and the shades of evening gathering. Nature's restfulness was also increasing upon her, and the strength which for nearly 90 years had been so vigorous was daily waning fast; yet the soul was peaceful

—so peaceful. I interpreted her desire to rest on my arm, and gently I removed her languid head from her pillow, and nestled it calmly there. And, oh! that intensely loving, unspeakable gaze which met mine. It spoke its solemn message. Brokenly I commenced to repeat the triumphant language of the Apostle, 'Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory,' when with her last feeble effort she endeavored to utter the closing words: 'Through our Lord—Jesus—Christ' and all was over. The happy spirit had flown!

"Thirty long years have sped since then," he added, "but they have not dimmed the vividness of that scene or beclouded the luster of her memory."

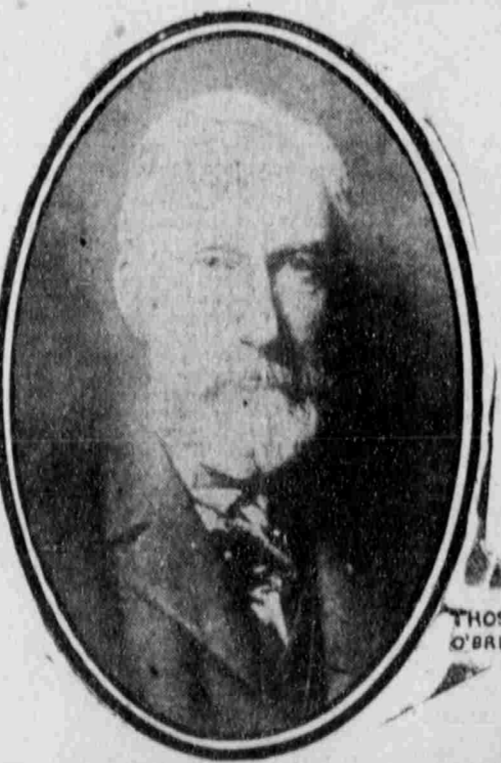
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#### U. S. MINISTER TO CHINA.



William W. Rockhill, who was the American commissioner to China for the settlement of the Boxer troubles, has been honored by the president with the appointment as ambassador to the court of T'ai Ann. Mr. Rockhill's services in the Boxer cases were instrumental in strengthening the position of this country in the far east.

#### U. S. MINISTER TO DENMARK.



THOS. J. O'BRIEN

Mr. T. J. O'Brien has received the portfolio of minister to Denmark. Mr. O'Brien is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich. His career in the diplomatic service has been a brilliant one, and while the position he goes to is not the most important, it requires a man of considerable strength. The fact that the royal family of Denmark is related to almost every reigning sovereign in Europe, makes their court the center of much diplomatic information.

the corporation runs the market on business principles with an eye single to making the most revenue out of it. According to the popular old song it is English roast beef which "accounts for the freedom that runs in our blood," but it yet remains to be proved that the growing consumption of American meat has produced any diminution of patriotic fervor.

#### JUVENILE ECONOMY.

Julia Marlowe related the other day a rather good example of unconscious humor in a child.

"I went up into the nursery of one of my friends," she said, "to see a little girl called Letty."

"Letty was eating her luncheon at

the time. She took a slice of bread in her hand, and first she spread it with a thick coat of butter, and then she smeared upon the butter several spoonfuls of jelly.

"Isn't it rather extravagant," her nurse said to her, "to eat butter with your jelly?"

"Oh, no," Letty answered. "The one piece of bread does for both."

**Cured Consumption.**  
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Charwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quinsy consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." Price 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Z. C. M. L. Drug Dept.



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### To Start Campaign in England Against American Meat Importers.

#### Special Correspondence.

LONDON, March 15.—Under the name of the Agricultural and Industrial society an organization has just been formed in London which is going to make a determined effort to break down what it terms the monopoly of the American meat importers in the English market. As to just how the thing is to be done there is much reticence among the promoters, but their first step will be to study the methods of their successful rivals. For this purpose Maurice Perry, a wealthy agriculturist, and Alfred Symons, a prominent wholesale butcher, who have been most active in the organization of the new association, will start for America about the 15th of this month. They will be accompanied by a third delegate, a man of general business knowledge, appointed by one of the English Co-operative societies. So assured are they that in any event they will be able to turn to good account the information they will pick up on the other side that these delegates have undertaken to pay their own expenses.

It is declared that the exorbitant freight rates charged English producers by English railways constitute at present the chief obstacle to the success of the scheme the former have in hand. English roads charge nearly as much for transporting goods from points in Essex to London, a distance of 40 miles, as do American railways for shipment from Chicago to New York, a distance of 900 miles. The delegates to the United States will, therefore, first devote themselves to a study of American transportation methods. They will then visit the leading meat depots in the United States and investigate the system of packing for inland distribution and export employed in each place. By this means they expect to learn how big things can be done most economically. And when they return after having mastered their American lessons the society will begin operations with a capital of \$50,000 already subscribed. They will start by importing cattle from Ireland. After they have been grazed on the luscious Essex pastures they will be stall fed and then slaughtered, the cut up carcasses being delivered in such portions as required direct to London residents. If the railroad companies cannot be induced to grant rates that bear some reasonable approximation to those charged by American lines, motor cars will be employed. The promoters estimate that by this method English fed beef can be

delivered at consumers' houses for something like 5 cents a pound less than is ordinarily charged in the shops for American meat. If they meet with the success they anticipate they will extend their operations to embrace most sorts of produce and expect later on to enter into competition with the American flour mills. Their farm work will be restricted at first to Essex, a fertile region most favorably situated for supplying London market, but under the stress of foreign competition agriculture has woefully declined there, as in other parts of England. A large acre-

age has passed out of cultivation and many who were at one time prosperous farmers there have emigrated to the United States or the colonies. American meat importers now practically dominate the great Smithfield market and as part of their campaign against them the new association will endeavor to induce the corporation of the City of London to place some restrictions on the privileges they now enjoy there which will afford the dealers in English meat a better show. It is hardly likely that they will accomplish much in that direction, however, for



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