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THE EX-PREMIER AS HIS NEIGHBORS SEE HIM.

A Different Man From the Bitter-Tongued Cynic Known in Public Life.

A few months ago Lord Salisbury swayed the destinies of the British Empire. To-day he is practically forgotten, even by the people of his own country. The long accounts of his career which were published when he resigned the Premiership read for all the world like obituary notices, and are remembered as such. Lord Salisbury has always shunned notoriety, and now that he has retired from politics he is more reticent than ever about his private life. Few people know how he is spending the evening of a life devoted to the service of his monarch and his country.

In politics the late Premier was regarded as a bitter-tongued cynic—"the master of the art of jeers and flouts and sneers," Disraeli called him. In society he was the aristocrat above all things, haughtily scorning the "new rich" and the "smart set."

Many of his supporters in the House of Lords and the House of Commons were bitterly incensed because he failed to recognize them in the street or the club, although they had been introduced to him and had spoken to him frequently. Not only is Lord Salisbury near-sighted and absent-minded, but he has a bad memory for faces—a rare defect in a public man.

It is said that he once asked Mr. Balfour, when visiting the House of Commons, "Who is that man who spoke so intelligently just now?" That man was Walter Long, the Minister for Agriculture, a member of Lord Salisbury's own Cabinet.

THIS ABSENCE OF MIND

is partly assumed in order to ward off intrusive intimacies. Similarly, Lord Salisbury's apparent cynicism and hauteur are only a mask covering his real nature.

Go to Hatfield, in Hertfordshire, where his favorite ancestral home is situated, and ask the people there about him. They will tell you of a new Lord Salisbury—of the real Lord Salisbury, of whom the world never dreams. The statesman might forget one of his own Ministers, but he never fails to recognize the country people who live round his home at Hatfield. He knows them all, from the oldest grandfather to the youngest child, and he takes the keenest interest in their lives. He may be cold and distant to a foreign Prince of doubtful character or a new peer of the realm, who has made his money out of beer and bought a coronet with his spare cash, but he never holds aloof from the poorest of his neighbors at Hatfield.

When the writer was staying at that place as a boy in July, 1891, he saw Lord Salisbury—then Prime Minister of England—sitting down on a box in a blacksmith's shop in the village and helping the blacksmith's little girl to mend a broken toy. Next week he entertained the German Emperor at Hatfield House. Ten years afterward, on revisiting Hatfield, the writer asked an old villager what he thought of Lord Salisbury.

"Think of him, sir?" was the reply. "Why! he's the finest gentleman God ever made. I don't know what we should do without him. I do believe he knows every soul in the place by name, and he has never been too busy to help any of us when we have needed help. And Lady Salisbury was

A RARE GOOD WOMAN.

Her death was a terrible blow to the poor old man. Rare lovers they were all their lives. I grumbled to his Lordship once about times being hard in my business. He laughed in his cheery way and said:

"'Hard times don't matter much, Johnson, when a man has a good wife like yours or mine. You may hardly credit it, but I was hard up myself when I was a young man, just after my marriage. I only had a small allowance as a younger son, and had to eke it out by writing articles for the newspapers and reviews. But we were never worried by our shortness of money. It depends on a man's wife whether poverty is irksome or not.'

"I remember once," the old villager went on, "a young girl was jilted by her lover after they had gone together for years. Lady Salisbury, who liked the girl, was much upset, and told her husband about it. His Lordship went straight to the young man and told him he had done wrong and ought to marry the girl. The young fellow said he'd like to, but he was only earning twelve shillings a week and couldn't support a family. His Lordship got him a good job that very day, and they were married before the week was out. They are as happy now as any husband and wife could be, and you may be sure that woman doesn't forget Lord Salisbury when she says her prayers.

"That's only an example, sir, of what his Lordship has done for the people hereabouts. If a girl gets married, she is always sure of

A WEDDING PRESENT

from his Lordship; and the old people know that he won't let them end their days in the workhouse if he can help it. He's a rich man, but the amount of money he gives away in charity here must make a big hole even in an income like his. But that's not the only way he helps the people. If he sees a man doing a job clumsily, he will stop and show him how to do it properly. He's a rare handy man with tools. I've seen him patch up a fence as well as I could do it myself, and I'm a carpenter by trade."

This character given to Lord Salisbury as a handy man was corroborated by a visit to Hatfield House. Every room in the mansion bears evidence of the old nobleman's fondness for pottering about with tools and his remarkable ingenuity in using them. Hatfield House differs widely from the average English country seat in being as well equipped with modern conveniences as a good hotel.

Lord Salisbury is a Conservative in politics, and still more conservative in social matters, but he is thoroughly progressive and up-to-date in his private life. He has designed and fitted up several dumb waiters and electrical conveniences to lessen the work of his servants. He was the first nobleman in England to use electric lights at his country house. He installed the plant himself, taking advantage of a stream that runs through his park to get water power. The best electrical engineer in England could not have done the work better than this aged statesman, who stands in the front rank of scientists in the domain of

EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS.

Lord Salisbury has never recovered from the loss he suffered in 1899 by the death of his wife. Like most Englishmen, he is reticent about the feelings of his heart. He makes no parade of emotion. But once, at a church meeting at Hatfield held to pay honor to a local philanthropist who had died, he spoke of the sorrow which had come into his own life.

"When a man has done his work, and those whom he loves pass one by one behind the veil," said he, "there is nothing better for him than to die as our friend has died, full of years and leaving behind him a memory fragrant with good deeds."

The people of Hatfield say that it was a beautiful sight to see Lord and Lady Salisbury together, the wife so proud of her husband, the husband so tender and courteous to his still beautiful wife. They were lovers to the end.

It was Lady Salisbury who taught her husband to take an interest in the people of the village and help them in all their small affairs. After her death, he ceased for a time to do this. He gave money as before, but he was not to be seen in the village talking with the old people and patting the children on the head.

Such time as he could spare from the affairs of State was spent in his laboratory studying experimental physics. But since his retirement from politics he has returned to all his old

PHILANTHROPIC WORK.

He takes pleasure in looking after the welfare of his dead wife's pensioners. There is a blind girl at Hatfield to whom she used to be kind. Lord Salisbury has made her independent for life, and pays her a visit nearly every day when he is staying at Hatfield. So it is with many others.

One of the marked traits in Lord Salisbury's character is his detestation of cruelty to children or animals. In Hatfield they still tell a tale of his horsewhipping a burly farm laborer in the days when he was Lord Cranborne. He caught the man beating a child and thrashed him so severely that he was ill in bed for a fortnight.

No man is employed on the Cecil estates unless he is known by Lord Salisbury to be a good husband and father. He has no use for any man who illtreats an animal, even slightly. Not long ago he dismissed one of his grooms for whipping a dog. In the summer of 1901 a party of cockney pleasureseekers drove past the grounds of Hatfield House in a wagonette. The fagged horses were flogged cruelly to make them gallop. Lord Salisbury happened to be standing at his gate. He at once ordered his carriage and followed the party until he met a policeman and gave them in charge for cruelty to animals.

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