

## AFTER SHORT TRAINING

YOUTHFUL BRITISH CABINET  
MINISTERS.

Britain Has Some Very Young  
Men Round Her Cabinet  
Board.

Two things strike one forcibly in going into the composition of the present British Cabinet—the youthfulness of the great majority of its members and the surprisingly short time from the position of a private and unknown member of Parliament to full Cabinet honors.

In the present British Cabinet just over half the members are still in or under the forties, and five have yet to celebrate their forty-fifth birthday. There are two who have lived more than twenty years, while the average age of the eighteen members is but a few months over fifty years. If youth is the guarantee of political efficiency, it is clear that the Cabinet of to-day ought to be some of its members have had

success. In past generations a man reached Cabinet rank any time within a quarter of a century was considered fortunate as well as clever. It seems that William Pitt, that polished prodigy, was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the age of twenty-three, or two years' apprenticeship in the case, but his father, the great Earl of Chatham, had to wait twenty-one years before he became Secretary of State. Mr. Gladstone was Colonial Secretary eleven years after he first entered the House of Commons, and again thirteen years later. Fox was Sir Robert Peel thirteen, Pitt fifteen, and Lord Churchill eleven years to the Cabinet rank.

ONLY EIGHT YEARS.

For only eight years since Mr. Austen Chamberlain, as member for Birmingham, and to-day in the exalted position vacated by his son, obtained a promotion as senior as if a junior at the bar, has in one leap, to take his seat in the world, or at least among the law lords. But he had a rival in the young Lord Halsbury, who was admitted within eight years of his entry into the Commons for the first time. In both cases these men came to men who were no longer young, for Mr. Lyttelton was a member of the Cabinet at the age of 60, and Lord Halsbury at 60.

LESS THAN FORTY.

Mr. Scobell, too, in a sense beats Mr. Chamberlain's achievement, for he entered three years in the service, was made a Lord of the Admiralty and Postmaster-General in the Cabinet after eleven years, and whilst still two years younger than 40, Mr. Arthur Scobell must be bracketed with him, for it is only 11 years since he first found a seat in the Cabinet, and to-day he fills the position of Secretary of State.

Mr. Scobell has also a very record of advancement, for he spent eleven years in the service, and it is interesting to note that although Mr. Balfour was a lawyer, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halsbury and his predecessor, barrister, he is the only member of the Cabinet, with a record of legal services in the Commons, who may make a dead-head by winning a Cabinet seat.

MADE A RECORD.

No fewer than seven of the British Ministers have been younger after an apprenticeship of ten years or less, the latest to take the average curate into the dignity of a successful lawyer to be Justice K. C.

Mr. Wyndham, finds himself Cabinet Minister at the early age of 21, has been less successful than his colleagues in getting 11 years for his record. He is still ahead of Mr. Scobell, "Mr. Gerald Balfour

Scobell, Osborne and Ashurst—languishers for 18 years during their present eminence. Mr. Brodbeck, who is also considered a very lucky arrival, wins the "wooden spoon" of the Cabinet, for 20 years did the day on which he first M.P. for West Surrey from 1900, when he became a Member for War.

British court an old man was seen in the witness-box, and, before the trial instead of going up in that led to the box of those that led to the bench, he took the mistake good. "Is it a judge you want my good man?" he asked. "My honour," was the reply. "I am old now, and it's all I'm fit for."

"A cup of ink may make a million," quoted Mr. Swilligen, "but I have heard," added Squilligan, "that can provoke language, too. A cup of ink that I inadvertently spilt on my wife's new carpet forth about a million words, and in getic words, too."

WATERS' RECORD TIP.

In Frankfort there is a restaurant the waters of which have recently received what was then considered to be the largest "tip" on record.

Among their customers for many years was a gentleman of independent means, who died last year in Egypt and left by will 15,000 marks (\$3,750) to the fortunate waiters in question.

## MANY MINIATURE TRAINS

GREAT MEN WHO OWN LITTLE RAILWAYS.

The Duke of Westminster Owns the Finest Miniature Railway in England.

There are about one hundred model railways in Great Britain and in fact it is equipped among the most beautiful, owned by the Queen of England, at Eaton Hall, the Duke of Wellington, at Tatton Hall, the Duke of Norfolk, at Holkham, and is built and is ballasted, and is attended to constantly by a couple of attendants.

The gauge is six inches, and the sum expended in these models, exclusive of buildings, is about £25 per mile.

The engine is built by Mr. Heywood, of Liverpool, who also owns a miniature railway, cost \$2,600. Its average speed is about sixteen miles an hour, though it has gone twenty-one upon occasion. There are two passengers, each in a separate carriage, and the train consists of a van, all of which are, of course, built specially and elaborately finished.

Next, in order to the above, in point of completeness and completeness, comes the Westminster Moor Green Model Railway, owned by Sir John Foster. Its path is comparatively insignificant, but its equipment is superb, and its probably surpasses that of the Westminster railway in the world. For instance, it has no fewer than 12 locomotives, varying in weight from 5 to 9 tons, over 1,000 feet of track, and 120 wheels measuring between 10 and 15 inches in diameter (four carriages, 10 in. single).

The total distance is 12 miles with a six-passenger express speed.

WHICH IS A SINGLE STOP.

There is probably in the miniature railways of London, constructed and owned by Mr. Gerald Heywood, the finest collection and his brother, Sir John Heywood. In its entirety it constitutes an absolutely perfect model to scale of the suburban system of the London and South Coast Railway, and extends from the two termini of London Bridge and Victoria at the one end, to the Paddington and the other, Aldgate, and the fitting by between the two and those beyond, all the principal stations shown, together with the various points, signals, points, and crossings, as they exist in the real railway. Then the stations are decorated with miniature reproductions of real life, drawing the trains so as to be able to take precisely twenty minutes to traverse the system, as against the twenty minutes average schedule-time of the

TELEGRAPHIC MOTIVES.

Locomotive J. Robert Harvey, who was Mayor of Norwich in 1906, has a miniature railway and passenger steam train, the latter so finely constructed from a red one that it even has attached to it a small steam engine, and fitted with collecting vans, delivery apparatus, "soothing" medicines, nose oil, they be given strong noseous, griping purgatives. The very best medicine in the world for such troubles as colic, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, worms, colds, simple fevers and toothache. Troubles Baby's Own Tabloid. If your little ones suffer from any of these troubles give them the Tablets and see how quickly they will bring back the bloom of health. Give the Russian tar present them a bucket of water over him, and thus his nationality was washed off.

THE BLOOM OF HEALTH.

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NATIONALITY WASHED OFF.

A Russian sailor, a deserter from his ship, recently gave himself up to a crew of British seamen on the Island of Lecone, saying that he desired to renounce his allegiance to the Czar and to become a subject of King Edward. The British sailors were puzzled how to naturalize the man, so they held a consultation on the subject. Finally, after the Russian had abjured his country, every British tar present threw a bucket of water over him, and thus his nationality was washed off.

WELL POSTED.

A California Doctor With 40 Years Experience.

"In my 40 years' experience as a teacher and practitioner along hygienic lines," says a Los Angeles physician, "I have never found a food to compare with Grape-Nuts for the benefit of the general health of all classes of people. I have recommended Grape-Nuts for a number of years to patients with the greatest success, and every year's experience makes me more enthusiastic regarding its use."

"I make it a rule to always recommend Grape-Nuts and Postum Food Coffee in place of coffee when giving my patients instructions as to diet for I know both Grape-Nuts and Postum can be digested by anyone."

"As for myself, when engaged in much manual work my diet twice a day consists of Grape-Nuts and rich cream. I find it just the thing to build up gray matter and keep the brain in good working order."

"In addition to its wonderful effects as a brain and nerve food Grape-Nuts always keeps the digestive organs in perfect healthy tone. I carry it with me when I travel, otherwise I am almost certain to have trouble with my stomach."

American Baptist Missionary Union, foreign, \$722,767.

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land, foreign, \$691,415.

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eign, \$745,890.

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Foreign, \$740,777.

American Baptist Missionary Union, foreign, \$722,767.

Wesleyan Missionary Society, Eng-

land, foreign, \$654,800.

Congregational Home Societies,

United States, \$642,260.

American Baptist Home Mission

Society, \$640,669.

United Free Church of Scotland,

Protestant Episcopal Board, home

and foreign, United States, \$894,762.

Promotion of the Gospel, Eng-

land, foreign, \$762,650.

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States, foreign, \$894,762.

Zion Society, England and Can-

ada, foreign, \$267,282.

Disciples of Christ, United States,

home, \$244,967.

Bethel Baptist Convention, Uni-

ted States, foreign, \$218,512.

Baptist Publication Society, Uni-

ited States, home, \$218,406.

Disciples of Christ, United States,

home, \$218,009.

United Presbyterian Board, United

States, foreign, \$193,000.

Presbyterian Church, South, Uni-

ited States, foreign, \$167,900.

Presbyterian Church, South, Uni-

ited States, home, \$158,406.

LADY VOLUNTEERS.

Anxious to share in the glories of the Volunteer movement, a large number of the prominent ladies of Burslem, Staffordshire, England, have organized a shooting club, which meets at the local drill-hall. Many of them are promising shots. Special rifles have been placed at their disposal and during the season there will be competitions with the gentlemen of the North Staffordshire Morris Tube League.

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