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John Morley
on English

The annual meeting of the English Association, which is composed chiefly of persons engaged in teaching the language in schools and colleges, gave occasion to its president, Viscount MORLEY, to express some opinions on teaching English and on the English language. It was JOHN MORLEY the writer who spoke, and not the politician, and his address, therefore, was well worth listening to, even though he avoided anything that could startle or excite discussion. He spoke optimistically of the study of the English language and literature in the schools, for Great Britain is some years behind the United States in that respect. If he were acquainted with the specialized forms it is taking in this country, with the dissections of the short story, the drama, the various branches of fiction, the art of "argumentation," and so on, he might be less hopeful. He made the admission, however, that "personally I cannot remember that I was ever taught English," and we fancy that he might have asserted the same fact for nearly every writer noted for his English style.

Turning from pedagogy to a view of literature in general, LORD MORLEY finds that two great changes have occurred within a couple of generations. "One is the rise of physical science and invention into reigning power through the whole field of intellectual activity and interest. The other is the huge augmentation of those who know how to read and who have come under the influence of books." He admits that the increase in printed matter has brought with it "the greatest abundance of bad literature that was ever known in any country in the world, the cheapest and most accessible bad literature," but derives comfort from the fact that at the same time "masterpieces in cheap form are finding a market in overwhelming numbers." "Even in the cheapest daily journals," he adds, "no book of serious worth ever goes without a notice, handing it with a degree of competence that not so many years ago was only to be found in half a dozen expensive weeklies."

He dates a new period from the appearance of DARWIN'S "Origin of Species," and shows how the scientific spirit and terminology have entered into poetry, fiction and every form of literature. As the poetic examples for his demonstration, LORD MORLEY selected GRAY and TENNYSON; as the instance of fiction, GEORGE ELIOT. He has his doubts apparently as to the literary results of the application of the scientific methods to history. "We live in a documentary age" and have to choose between "a fabric of inspiring narrative built on foundations of quick sand, on the one side; on the other, a fearsome jungle of minute detail, every regiment in every battle numbered, every hour accounted for, every turn of diplomatic craft tracked." He asks whether the scientific impulse to tell the exact truth with all the necessary reservations can be combined with artistic pleasure, and compares the authorities on which GRAY based his history, which any scholar can read in five years, with those BANKE and S. R. GARDNER burrowed in which require a lifetime.

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In his address LORD MORLEY refers to the complaint that modern prose is no longer eloquent. That does not alarm him very much, for he says: "Grand prose comes from supreme issues, earnest convictions, eager desire to convert and persuade, sublime events, passionate belief—these are what move to eloquence at its highest. LINCOLN was no scholar, but the Second Inaugural is not to be surpassed." He takes occasion to speak very kindly of American writers, and quotes MR. BYRCE'S charitable surmise "that perhaps the world is passing through an age with a high level of mediocrity as compared with the outstanding figures of the last century." Neither in England nor America, nor for that matter in any other country, can LORD MORLEY discern any monarch on the literary throne, any "sovereign worldwime in poetry or prose," but he has faith that there will be in the future.

Even an assembly of pedagogues needs adventitious aids to keep it awake during a long speech, and LORD MORLEY was not sparing of his gentle humor, and indulged occasionally in anecdotes. One, illustrative of the unscientific temperament, we venture to quote:

"GABRIEL ROSSETTI, a true poet, if not a great one, very firmly declared himself not at all sure that the earth really revolved around the sun. He soon aggravated this scandalous position by asking what, after all, did it matter whether it moved or not. But then ROSSETTI was not like other poets, painters or plain men. I once happened to meet him on the evening of a general election and was thunderstruck to find that he was not aware of the event shaking the world around us. He added by and by that he did not suppose it made much difference whether Whig or Tory won. A greater poet than himself was with us and shared the Laodicean humor. I forget who won the election, nor do I recollect exactly what difference it did make, if any."

The tolerant sceptical tone marks the whole of LORD MORLEY'S address, notwithstanding his optimism. A good specimen of that "high level of mediocrity" which is the mark of the time.

Two notable naval retirements

There have been retired from the active service of the British Navy during the past few days two notable officers, whose reputations have long been international. In both cases the retirements have been under operation of the law fixing the age at which officers must be retired. In the case of Admiral of the Fleet LORD FISHER, the retirement could not be prevented, as the veteran admiral had reached the age of 72 years, the age limit for even officers holding the generally ornamental rank of admiral of the fleet. In the case of Lord CHARLES BEREFOORD, retirement could have been delayed for five years to come had the king seen fit to promote him to the grade of admiral of the fleet, but there was no such exhibition of royal favor, and as Lord BEREFOORD was only an admiral, he had to retire on reaching the age of 71.

Both of these veteran officers have achieved great reputations as naval leaders, Lord FISHER was for a considerable time what is known as the first sea lord—that is, the ac-

tive head of the British admiralty—and under his administration the reorganization of the British fleet on its present basis was brought about.

Admiral BEREFOORD won high distinction for his personal courage and his skill as a squadron and fleet commander. His radical views on naval policy, however, frequently brought him into antagonism with his superiors in the admiralty, and when not actively engaged in service afloat he has gone into Parliament, where he has always proved a decided thorn in the side of the naval administration.

For many years Lord FISHER and his junior, Lord BEREFOORD, were warm friends and coworkers, but in recent years they became estranged, and the antagonism between the two men led to most of the disagreeable incidents which have occurred in high naval circles in England during the past three or four years. Professionally both men were of the highest type, hence their county and the naval profession generally will lose by their retirement. Both had distinguished careers and both are popular, hence it is to be hoped that now they have been removed from active roles in the management of naval affairs they will resume their old-time comradeship.

Instinct of Seal Mothers

The instinct of seal is marvelous. It will leave its young on the ice in the morning, and going down through a hole remain away all day swimming in search of food. Returning in the evening it will locate its offspring in the same "patch" among hundreds of thousands of other baby seals, notwithstanding that the ice may have wheeled or drifted fifty or sixty miles during the day from wind and tide and notwithstanding that the patch may extend thirty or forty miles from one end to the other.

For a Nervous Headache

If, instead of drinking a stroud cup of tea or coffee when suffering with a bad headache, a woman would drink a cup of hot milk, she would be more apt to cure her pain. Not because hot milk has medicinal properties, but because it is more easily digested than tea or coffee, and sooths instead of stimulates the nerves.

Overstimulation of the nerves is one of the common causes of headache; and so of course not until the tension has been relaxed can such pain be allayed. Not every woman so affected can lie down quietly and rest, but there is no need of anyone adding to the excited state of the nerves, and that is practically what tea or coffee does. Obviously something which will quiet the nerves is required, and for this purpose hot milk becomes valuable.

Not always, unfortunately, can milk be drunk when a woman is suffering from headache, because an upset stomach frequently accompanies a pain in the head, and to take milk under these conditions would only increase nausea. A simple substitute for milk that is not to be despised is water as hot as it can be sipped. Not tepid water. Such temperature as lukewarm might cause nausea but heat as extreme as can be endured by the lips and throat is excellent. If the stomach is upset,

this drink will prevent an undue strain on the muscles, and may even calm them to rest and relief.

Another help is to prevent strong light from reaching the eyes of a person who is suffering from a nervous headache. Consciously or not, a glare will increase the pain by straining the nerves of the eyes.

Sometimes hot applications on the eyes aid in bringing relief, but there are persons who are made vastly more ill by hot fomentations and to, whom cold ones are beneficial. This is a point each patient must decide for herself.

Rothschilds at Key West

Key West, Fla.,—Baron and Baroness Rothschild, who left England three months ago on a cruise around the world, arrived here last night on the British yacht Maund of Southampton. The yacht was in command of Cap. Mortimer Singer. The Rothschilds who were on their wedding trip, have just completed an extended cruise about the West Indies. The entire party left for New York to-day by way of the Florida East Coast Railroad.

Russians and Chinese Fight

Vladivostok, February.—The effort to enforce sanitary regulations against the plague resulted in a fight to-day between Russian soldiers and Chinese residents, during which six people were killed and twenty others wounded. Hostilities began when the soldiers attempted to expel the Chinese from the district.

The Arrival of the Prinz August Wilhelm

The "Prinz August Wilhelm," of the Hamburg American Line of steamers blew her first blast about 5.30 yesterday morning which served as a notice that she had safely arrived in port with her live and dead freight.

The doctor did not delay in going on board to examine papers, etc., neither was the pilot slow to be at his post; and as all these helped to make matters perfect the good ship was not long in coming up to the pier. About 7.30 the stage was lowered and the passengers delightfully came down and once more got on terra firma.

The "Prinz" brought an unusual number of passengers this trip, there were not less than 52 tourists and several other deck and cabin passengers. The pier too seemed to have been more patronized than at other times. As usual the band on board the ship played some lively airs while she was docking. The tourists who were visibly anxious to get on shore hustled for the resguardo to have their baggage weighed. They accomplished this in good time to catch the 10 o'clock train for San José.

At the RAILWAY STATION The Ferro Carril station then became the scene of attraction.

Faces were beaming with delight on seeing an old acquaintance once more in the republic and probably many were there through curiosity. Howbeit all seemed pleased; the tourists having the better of it. An extra chair coach was put on to accommodate the many visitors that was bent on seeing the ancient capital. The train pulled out about 10.15 amidst great shouts and waving of hands.

The following is the list of passengers: From Jamaica: Clement Carpenter, Mrs. Eyan de Pass, Katherine de Pass, Miss A. Atkins, Stanley Carvalls, Hastings Dent, Mr. H. Dents, Mrs. Melvina Stanley, Miss Mary Stanley, master Winshop Stanley. From Colon: J. Marchelieu Robles, Miss Margarita Robles, Miss Adela Robles, Miss Elia Robles, Frank Weisback, A. Rudolph Sasso, M. Oswald Sasso, Anthony Naith, Henry Grisham, Gustav Michsud, Mrs. Gulien Michsud, and Miss Michsud.

Current News.

On the black board in front of the Hamburg American Line office the following notice is marked in large white letters: "On and after Monday 27th instant there will be a weekly sailing from here to Kingston Direct, Steamer leaving on Monday afternoon." The Times hail with pleasure this change and we believe the general public join with us.

Mr. N. Cox, British Consul at San José and wife left for Colon on Wednesday last by the s. a. "Heredia."

The steamer "Limon," of the U. F. C. Co. line is expected here this morning from Boston with cargo, passengers, and mail.

The "Heredia" of the United Fruit Company line of steamers left the mantic pier on Wednesday night with good many passengers for Colon and Jamaica. For some time before the ship left her mooring the gangway was constantly filled with visitors and friends who availed themselves of the opportunity of bidding a last good bye to their friends and relatives. The following is the list of passengers: For Colon: J. Montgomery, Mrs. S. Villaz and servant, Miss Ana Teresa Villaz, Mrs. Silvia R. Villaz, Matilda S. Villaz, Rev. James Hayter, M. Abadi, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lutz, R. A. Sissier, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cox and servant, Mrs. C. de la Esparilla, Mrs. Paulin de Breaes, Roberto Breaes, Mrs. Paulina Breaes, Jorge Breaes and servant, Mrs. M. de la Esparilla, baby and servant, Mrs. Adelfina de Van der Laet, Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Nohous and 5 deckers. For Kingston, Jamaica, Yennifer Archibacon Bryan, W. F. Brooks, Mrs. W. F. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. W. Mason and 6 deckers. For Bocas: Victor A. Dominguez and Miss Mercedes Barquera.

Fifty two tourists came on the "Prinz August Wilhelm" from New York and boarded the train yesterday morning for San José, where they will remain till Monday.

The s. a. "Ellis," one of the liners of the United Fruit Company left this port on Wednesday evening last for Mobile. She carried a large cargo of bananas, but no mails or passengers.

Pacific Mail Contact Ended

Washington, February.—Secretary Dickinson has given notice to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and the California and Atlantic Steamship Company of the termination of the existing arrangement whereby those carriers are allowed 70 per cent of the total freight charge on goods transported between New York and San Francisco via the Panama Railroad.

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