

Disraeli's well-known remark that the House of Commons hated professors. Mr Shaw-Lefevre, Sir William Harcourt, Mr Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Herschell, and Mr Mundella have done yeoman's service in former Governments, and may be ranked as old friends on the Treasury benches. Mr Arthur Balfour will make, on the other hand, a splendid fighting leader for the Opposition, and will be seconded by some of the best debating talent in the House of Commons in the efforts of Mr Chamberlain, who runs his leader close as the best debater there, Mr Goschen, Sir William Hart-Dyke, whose able management of the Free Education Act delighted all parties, Sir John Gorst, another of the clever men of the old Fourth Party, Mr 'Jimmy' Lowther, and Sir Richard Webster—the last hardly as great a success in Parliament as 'Mr Ex-Solicitor General' Sir Edward Clark. Lord Salisbury will be assisted in the Lords by the Duke of Devonshire, whose marriage to the Duchess of Manchester, though often predicted, created some little surprise, following an early his accession to the title.

Lord Sherbrooke, best remembered as 'Bobby' Lowe, had hardly been a power in politics since he left the House of Commons in 1880. He was the originator of numberless expressions which came to be the proverbs of politics, achieved a high place, both in power and in the estimation of his

of the best 'Law Lords,' but a lawyer of a school which had almost become extinct in his time.

Lord Hampden, better known as Sir Henry Brand, who died in March, went to the Lords in 1884 on resigning the speakership of the Commons, which he had held with universal respect for twelve years.

Lord Tennyson, after writing on the Duke of Clarence and Avondale one of the noblest of his elegiacs, has himself

bishopric of Winchester at the same time, was, perhaps, a greater divine, but though not less unwearied in well doing than the brother prelate whom he has joined in rest, he had hardly Bishop Phillpotts's exuberant energy. Like the latter, he had been Vice-Principal of Lampeter. Of the late Bishop of St. Andrews, one of Dr. Boyd's (A.K.H.'s) rather numerous 'outstanding' men, it is hardly possible to say anything that his episcopal brethren and clerical subordinates would think worthy of Dr. Wordsworth. There is little doubt that much higher preferment was well within his reach had he desired it.

The people's cardinal—Manning—leaves a gap which a greater would not easily fill. We missed Newman, but Cardinal Manning's death takes away more. The many are poorer for it; the very few only, perhaps, could be said to have missed Cardinal Newman a year earlier. Manning played the man in our midst, he might have said to his brother in dignity, as one king said in ancient Israel to the other, 'I will disguise myself and go into the battle, but



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fellow-commoners, in the teeth of almost insuperable physical disabilities, came near to enriching the official language of his country with something very like a pun, 'ex luce lucellum,' the motto proposed for the ill-fated match-box stamp, and was foiled in this favourite administrative scheme by the energy of a parcel of factory girls and other East-end workers; we had (in his own words) 'educated our masters' to some purpose.

Sir George Campbell, excellent man, was abhorred rather for his speeches than his opinions in the House of Commons, which will tolerate almost anything rather than garrulity. Dead also is Lord Bramwell, the famous 'B' of Times letters, and a frequent speaker in the Lords. He was one

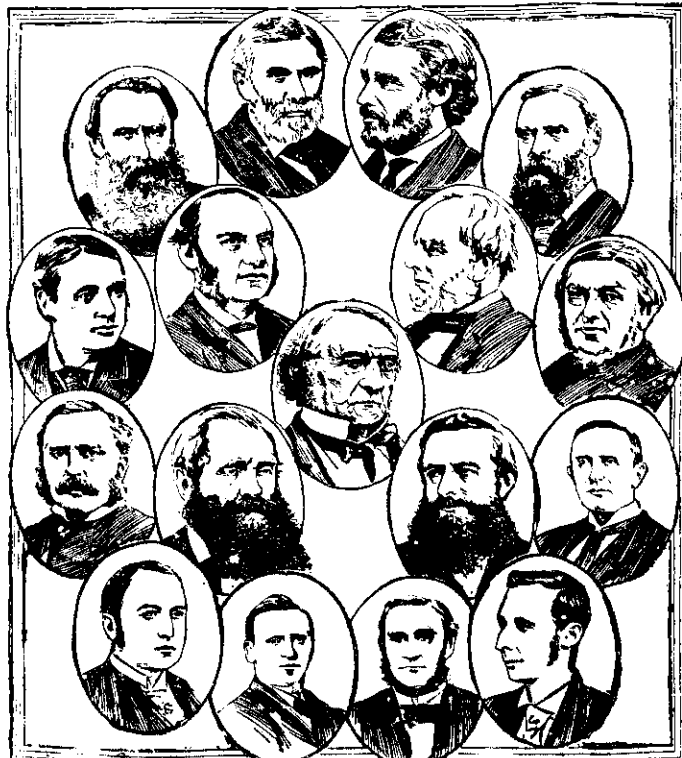
passed 'to where beyond these voices there is peace,' and has been lamented in prose and song by nearly every writer of note, and by quite every minor poet in the Kingdom.

In the land of shades James Greenleaf Whittier and rugged, sturdy Whitman are his fellows, both having died this year. Mr Swinburne has been much talked of as a possible next laureate, though it came to be known that Mr William Morris, without receiving an actual offer of the post, had been approached, naturally without success. To many people the bard of Atalanta or Calydon would seem an only less impossible laureate than the ex-editor of the *Commonweal* and the beloved of many demagogues.

Dr. Philpott, ex-Bishop of Worcester, who resigned the see to Dr. Perowne, in consequence of advanced age and impaired health in the month of October, 1892, has passed peacefully away. Dr. Harold Browne, who resigned the

put thou on thy robes,' save that his own life was lived without disguise amid the battles of the poor. Many of us found the installation of Cardinal Vaughan, his successor, less impressive than the lying in state of the man around whose bier a crowd fled continuously for three long days. Cardinal Howard, who in early life was a lieutenant of the 2nd Life Guards, and who became a prominent figure in the Church of Rome, also died during the year.

Mr Spurgeon, who died after a lingering illness last



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