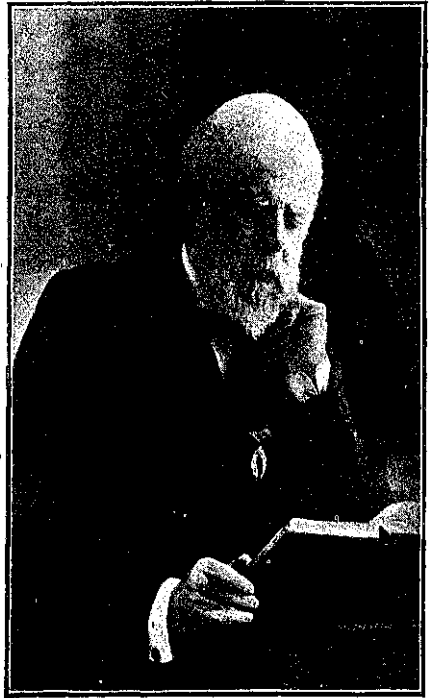


judgment, and great determination necessary for a capable ruler, was amply proved by his life and the result of his government. Twenty years of experience, gained by hard work in responsible political positions in America, enabled him to see clearly the course which should be pursued for her successful governance, and having the ability, when placed in the prominent position of President, he faithfully pursued it. It is natural that the pronounced change in the relations between America and our Home Country should stand out prominently in our minds as one of the many highly important results of his term of office. With such a successor as Colonel Roosevelt to follow in his footsteps and pursue his policy, the United States will have great reason to bless the memory of the man whose life has been so foully taken from him by the hand of a brutal assassin.

distinguishing badge of an *Officier de l'Académie Française*, the other of a *Member de la Société de Linguistique de Paris*. A man of more varied experiences it would be hard to find. His mother was the niece and adopted daughter of George Ferrars, Marquis of Townshend, his father the Count Potocki de Montalk, a Polish nobleman who was killed in the Spanish-American war. Madame de Montalk was left a young widow with two little children—Joseph Edmond Wladislas Potocki (our 'Little Professor')



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PROFESSOR DE MONTALK.

A PUPIL of the late Professor de Montalk has sent the following sketch of his life:—"We loved and were proud of our 'Little Professor,' not without reason. His lectures on French literature were masterpieces. He had a wonderful memory, and was a first-class elocutionist; Raime, Molière, Béranger, all the French masters of style, he had at his finger ends, and he used occasionally to delight us by forgetting for a moment his lecture, and reciting portions from the *chefs d'œuvre* of the litterateurs with whom he was dealing. What a keen sense of humour he had! It was our delight to beguile him into the relation of personal experiences, especially martial experiences. The name of Garibaldi was to Professor de Montalk as the sound of a trumpet to a war horse. For Garibaldi he had fought and bled, for Garibaldi he would have counted it honour to die. Two treasured Garibaldian medals he showed to favoured individuals—one for a special act of bravery, corresponding to our Victoria Cross. Two other medals he possessed (his 'ironmongery' he called them)—one, the

and Christine, now Madame Grosclaude, mother of Etienne Grosclaude, the famous French journalist, writer, and explorer. Madame de Montalk was literary. She was a valued contributor to Bentley's Miscellany, and translated many articles for French and English magazines. Our professor revered his mother's memory, and we felt that we were indeed favoured pupils who were allowed to translate his mother's articles by way of thèmes. Professor de Montalk's youth was passed in France and Italy. After taking his degree in literature, he