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The "Chiltern Hundreds"

The news of the projected abolition of the "royal stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds" in England is not, as might be believed, the obliteration of some lucrative sinecure or court office, but is the disappearance of a quaint old parliamentary institution, a relic of the times when Parliamentary duties were an onerous and welcome burden, and the country gentry had to be compelled to attend the house of commons. Not everybody is aware that, according to a statute enacted nearly three centuries ago, a man after he is duly elected cannot resign his seat in the House of Commons. Death, expulsion or legal disqualification are the only means by which a seat in Parliament can be vacated. This statute was modified to a certain extent during the reign of Queen Anne, when it was enacted that every member of parliament accepting an office from the Crown ipso facto should vacate his seat, being, of course, at liberty to submit himself to re-election.

Among these offices are those of the royal stewards of "Honors" or "Hundreds," whose duty it was originally to account to the Exchequer for the revenues of their bailiwicks and to collect the taxes in the districts of Crown lands entrusted to their charge. Gradually these stewardships were diminished in number, and that of the Chiltern "Hundreds" or "Honors" is one of the few which survive. The steward, however, no longer has any duties to perform, his office being merely of an honorary character. Indeed, it has been retained solely with the object of enabling members to vacate their seats.

When a legislator desires for one reason or another to abandon his seat in the House of Commons before the expiration of his mandate from his constituents, he straightway applies to the Crown for appointment as royal steward of the Chiltern Hundreds. This usually is conceded without delay, and by its acceptance he becomes, ipso facto, deprived of her seat in the House. Of course, he merely retains the stewardship, which theoretically is an office of the royal household, for a day or two, and then resigns it, the trick being done and the stature of 1863 against the resignation of a seat in the House being evaded successfully.

The "Chiltern Hundreds" are situated in the county of Tring, in Hertfordshire, to Henley, in Oxfordshire. The royal stewardship of the manor of Northsind in Yorkshire likewise is used in these present days for the same purpose as the stewardship of the "Chiltern Hundreds."

It has been long felt that these appointments are a piece of trickery unworthy of the august assembly which for so many centuries has been enacting the laws of the land, and which therefore should be the very last institution to give an example of the manner in which they may be disobeyed. Moreover, it is felt that the state no longer has any right to compel the attendance and Parliamentary service of legislators whose service after all is of a purely voluntary character and unrewarded.

Accordingly, when Parliament meets again. Mr. Balfour, as First Lord of the Treasury and Government leader of the House of Commons, will bring forward a bill for the repeal of the law of 1623, and so for the abolition of that mysterious Crown office with the history and character of which so few, even of Englishmen are acquainted.

More than one Nationalist member of Parliament has got into terrible trouble with his constituents in Ireland owing to the announcement reaching them that he had applied for and accepted from the Crown the royal stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. They immediately took it for granted that he had been won over to betray his trust by the gift of a lucrative office, and denounced him a traitor to their cause until he was able—always with difficulty—to explain to them the true circumstances of the case.

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MOLOKAI.
Home of Hawaii's Leper Colony in the Pacific Ocean.

Molokai, as is well known, is the name for the leper colony of Hawaii. The lepers do not occupy all the island, but only a grassy plain, 10 miles in length, and varying from one to two miles in width on the north side of the island, and yet separated wholly from the rest of the island and its population by a precipice fully 1000 feet high, which can be scaled at only one point, and here it is securely guarded. Despite their freedom from taxation and rents, their ample supplies of food and clothing, their abundant herds of cattle and horses, and their fertile fields which require so little labor, the lepers are virtually life prisoners, shut in by the ocean on one side and the impassable mountain on the other, says a writer in the Independent. Most of the lepers are natives, but foreigners are found among the colonists, and all who come to this part of Molokai, save to bring supplies, or to inspect, as the board of health twice each year, do so with the expectation of never returning.

Among the victims of leprosy are persons of excellent families, whose friends build cottages for them on Molokai, and see that they lack nothing for their comfort. It is stated that the first person to be removed to the leper island was a lawyer who had been active in securing the regulation which required the removal of lepers in order to prevent the spread of the disease. No sooner did the unmistakable evidence of the dread disease first appear than he insisted on setting the example of patriotism in voluntarily surrendering himself to be removed to Molokai, although some years might have passed before his condition would have been known to the public.

The death of Fr. Damien, the Belgian priest who died on Molokai a few weeks ago, attracted the attention of the Christian world to the religious needs of the lepers. Joseph Damien went there a young priest 33 years of age, and labored among the unfortunate exiles for some 20 years. After 16 years leprosy appeared, and he suffered loss of smell, then of touch and of sight, until finally, after losing fingers and toes, tuberculosis attacked his lungs and throat, and then came his heroic death. Nor did he have to wait long for a successor. His brother, Pamphile Damien, accompanied by four priests and as many nuns, has gone to take up his work. His comrade, Bro. Joseph Dutton, has been on Molokai for 16 years. The reports of the propaganda show that priests and lay brothers and nuns have long ministered there in the hospitals and schools devoted to the lepers and their children.

Nor is the work being done among lepers on Molokai limited to the labors of these praiseworthy priests and their associates. After the noble work which has been done on each of the other islands by the American board, one is prepared to learn of a Congregational church with its faithful pastor, on Molokai. Here also are to be found a Young Men's Christian Association, a Sunday school, a Bible class, a singing school, a gymnasium and a reading room. One who has observed the Hawaiian love of sweet melodies is glad to know also of a band of 16 leper musicians on Molokai.

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Autobiographical.
The self-made man was speaking. He said: "My father was a riser of hogs. There was a large family of us"—and then his voice was drowned by the applause.—[From Life.]

"If a civil word or two will render a man happy," said a French king, "he must be wretched indeed who will not give them to him. We superiors should endeavor to keep this in view; yea, were all mankind to observe it, how much happier would the world be than what it is! We may say of this disposition, that it is like lighting another man's candle by one's own, which loses none of its light by what the other gains."

It is perhaps worthy of more note than it has received that music does not lend itself to the base or the evil in the same way that other arts have sometimes done. It may occupy itself with the trivial—a very great deal of ephemeral music does so—but it cannot give voice to the corrupt, as poetry and painting can; none of the evil passions of humanity are capable of direct expression by music.

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