

GREAT CABINETS OF HISTORY

Review of the Records of the Counsellors of Presidents.

ABILITY AND STANDING OF THE MEMBERS

These Cabinets Noted for the Importance of Their Work—Nighly Representatives of Political Schools—Useful of Noted Men.

The cabinets which take a high rank in the ability and standing of their members, the importance of the work which they did, or in both characteristics, were, according to a writer in the Globe-Democrat, those of Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Harrison, Polk, Fillmore, Pierce, Lincoln and Hayes. In Washington's cabinet there were only two men—Jefferson, secretary of state, and Hamilton, secretary of the treasury of pre-eminent ability, but that number was just half of the whole cabinet, the post of secretary of War and of the Navy (both departments united under the name of the first Adams presidency being under the same head), and that of the attorney general being the only other member of the presidential family at that time. In Madison's cabinet, general existed from 1829, but he was not a cabinet officer until 1839, in the beginning of Jackson's presidential service. The cabinet post of secretary of the interior came into being in 1849, when Taylor was president, and that of secretary of agriculture in 1859, near the close of Cleveland's first term.

JEFFERSON AND HAMILTON.

As the founders of the two schools of political thought into which the people of the country have been divided from the beginning these two men are the ones to whom among the immortals, Hamilton's, the Treasury post, and is the more important post, although European usage and tradition assign superior rank to the other office, the head of the State department. As it requires greater ability to create than to save or to extend, Hamilton's pre-eminence among the nation's financial ministers is conceded. Webster's tribute to Hamilton exhausts eulogy, but it is not exaggerated: "He smote the rock of the nation, and from its crevices a new world of revenue gushed forth; he touched the dead corpse of the public credit, and it sprang upon its feet."

MONROE'S CABINET.

With John Quincy Adams, secretary of state, W. H. Crawford, secretary of the treasury, John C. Calhoun, secretary of war, and William Wirt, attorney general, it will be seen that Monroe's cabinet was which reached as high a level in general ability as any which the country has known. The only other cabinet office in that age that of secretary of the navy was very respectably filled by W. B. Crowninshield, Smith Thompson and Samuel L. Southard, successively. Monroe is remembered in the history of the nation for his connection with the presidency. Wirt got the nomination at one time, but it was from a "third" party, the anti-Masonic organization.

TIPPECANOE'S COUNSELLORS.

W. H. Harrison, a third class man himself, had four first class men—Webster, Thomas Ewing, Bell and Johnson. Crittenden—in the cabinet, and the "Silver Gray" of a later date, Francis Granger, the postmaster general, whose office had been a cabinet post since 1829, was a personage of considerable ability and celebrity. This was one of the distinctively strong cabinets intellectually, and it deserved a better fate than the wreck which quickly overtook it in the feud in the bank questions with Tyler, who went to the

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