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A SILENT LOVER.

Forth we wandered in the twi'ight. In the twilight wandered we And fair Luna in her splendor Rose and seemed to smile on me. Hushed was all the world around us And we moved on silently, While our son's attuned with nature Breathed in blissful harmony.

High the moon athwart the heavens Rode in majesty divine Casting wierd fantastic shadows Neath the gently sighing pine. Long we'd walked, how long I know not, For old Time was naught to me. And 'twas little thought or cared I If the world were bound or free,

Tired at last we sought a bower. And noon a rustle seat Sat we long in eilence listening To our hearts harmonious beat. Oh! what love, what joy what rapture Filled my cup at love's behest As the dainty head confiding, Rested gently on my breast. Then burst forth the pert up passion Into rhapsody sublime, Till the words of love's first pleading Shamed the poet's noblest rhyme. But ains! Tearins pinioned All too lofty was my flight, And I fell all crusped and bleeding

From the lofty treach rous height. Love then like a dangerous care Fled unfaithful evermore As up through the stilly air Came a tiny little snore.

#### ENGLISH POLITICS.

THE King of England was dead. On antly sail the sea. When this tie is once the morning of the 20th day of June severed, down falls the proud queen of 27, Victoria was proclaimed queen. The preceding reign had marked a change interfere with the Continental nations? in English affairs and English progress. She owns not a foot of land in Enrope The House of Commons had gradually re. save Gibralter rock. Her colonies have ceived that authority which makes it the no interest in the balance of power theory, motive power in England. Ministers no and the farther England adv nees in such longer held their positions when they had affairs, the more loose becomes the tie once lost the confidence of the House, that unites them together. The queen and the Lords shrank from a contest with now rules over possessions on which the the people's champion. The negro had sun never ceases to shine. Who can debeen emancipated—not by a fierce and sire more? Gladstone when before in of ernel war, but by a wise act of government, appropriating 20,000,000 of pounds for his liberation; an example which the American Congress might well have followed. English statesmen have accomplished much. The fruits of their legis lation are apparent. But it was only by long and continued struggle that any reform bill was passed. The Conservatives. the stays of monarchy, opposed, the Lib. erals, the friends of democratic liberty and reform advocated new laws-laws for the good of the Crown and people. For a score of years two men have been before England as leaders-Gladstone as championing the cause of the Liberals. Disraeli that of the Conservatives. Disraeli, "the beautiful," "in a bottle green of England felt. England must be in the and dreary days of commercial depression frock coat and a waistcoat of white," has ascendency was the motto; Russia must when Disraeli was premier.

political power Gladstone, "the useful." To day there are many in England who believe they are the protectors of all Europe; that no war should be entered upon unless England takes a part; no treaty made except by her consent. Even at the expense of home enterprise, the Conserva tives demand a foreign policy of much force and vigor. Disraelt represents this class, and the difference between Gladstone's policy and that of Disraeli comes to this; shall the resources of England and the colonies, the home industries beencouraged and sustained, rather than a display of royalty abroad and a foreign policy interfering with the affairs of the Continental nations? Or in other words what is the duty of England? It is the imperative right of all nations to protect and legislate for their citizens. And why should not England devote her energies to the improvement of the United Kingdoms and the colonies? England is truly Her mariatime supremacy is scarcely questioned, and her fleets whiten every sea. How is this power to be retain ed? Other nations may extend their borders and still have all their territory to one body. England is confined to the narrow isle and all her acquired territory is necessarily distant. There is, and can be but one way for England to maintain her supremacy, and that is to work in harmony with the colonies. By that faithful union of 'ne two which should exist, England's fleet may still triumphthe waters. By what right can England fice, directed the talents of his ministry to improving and reforming England, to uniting more fully the different parts, of the Empire. It was under his ministry that the Irish church was disestablished, the tenure of land in Ireland modified, riots banished on days of election and military promotion made dependent upon ability rather than purchase. England was at peace with all nations.

by the true law of progress, preceded in

In this manner did Gladstone manage affairs. But in 1874 be was forced to re ment. What is to be expected? A reign sign. And six years of pomp and display, mingled with foreign wars and no foreign wars ended, and legislation for legislation for home improvement, have the people, the colonies, and not for the rolled away. The Disraelian ministry Crown. But however prosperous Engcame into power to make the supremacy land may be, let her not forget those dark

bow to England or suffer the penalty, was the watchword. Think of the thrill of disgust, the feeling of alarm, heightened even to fierce demand for war, if the Russian Czar should declare that Russia is and must be recognized as the leading nation of the old world, that Russian interest must be uppermost, come what may.

That the Eastern question is a vexed and knotty problem none will deny. That Russia is fast advancing in wealth and civilziation; that Turkey's time of political life is past, even Conservatives admit. Yet the Discaelian ministry cham, pioned the cause of Turkey. Why? For njustice done her, or for political polley? Turkey, expiring by the just sen ence of christendom, Turkey, whose political pulse was falling fast, Turkey, the home of discontent and bloodshed, the persecutor of Christians, Christian England had to protect. What has been the result? Home industry paratized, discontent in England Ireland fierce because of had government and famine, the finances it a wretched condition, a war leaving England and Russia enemies, France and England alienated, Europe agitated, and the dark thundering warcloud his eady by the horizon, waiting for a favorable breeze to send in blackening the whole political heavens. "If this be the result of thy foreign policy, O noble Earl of Beaconsfield, if this be Conservatism, we want it not has been England's latest answer. Beaconsfield has fallen. His greatness is of the part, and England may well rejoice with Gladstone again as premier.

Gladstone and Disraeli are characters that have very little in common. The one refined, mild and peaceful, ruling by culture and intelligence, striving to benefit man, to render more easy and delightfui his position. The other stern, pompons, imaginative, and ruling with an iron hand. Disraeli is like the mountain stream whose course is checked, cramped. and impeded, but whose velocity is increased by the very obstacles themselves after they have once been passed. Gladtione is as the broad curving river into which the former flows, whose heavy weight and strong velocity bears all before it. Disraeli is vehement and passion. ate, fitted to incite, but not to govern Gladstone is cool, reserved, and one who as leader will be true to himself, his party and his country.

Such are some of the characteristics and differences of the two men. Gladstone is now at the head of the govern. of progress and reform, Ireland relieved. N Z.S.