

Quality and Work of Joseph Chamberlain.

Something Concerning the Personality of the British Colonial Secretary.

Washington Letter in Times-Herald.

The eyes of the world's diplomats are turned up to the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, leader of the liberal-unionist party of England in the house of commons.

"The time has arrived when Great Britain may be confronted by a combination of powers and our first duty, therefore, is to draw all parts of the empire into close unity, and our next, to maintain the bonds of permanent unity with our kinsmen across the Atlantic."

Gentlemen of continental Europe, grouped about the traditional green table, have no reason to visit for a union, offensive and defensive, between Great Britain and the United States. They know that Mr. Chamberlain more than any man in England represents today the sentiments of the middle and common classes of the empire.

Everyday people always enjoy the story of the life of Chamberlain. His beginning was not along the smooth path opened for Balfour. His father was a London shoemaker, who made some money off of sales and uppers. He made good shoes and the boy was designed to succeed him at the altar of Cripple.

"Please be kind and see as much as you can of poor Joe, for he knows nobody in Birmingham."

Time was not required for his masters to know him though. He was tactful, the motto of his life. He was at the business of making screws just as he has undertaken everything else in his long career.

Understanding this much of the man it is not difficult to appreciate why, as a statesman, his utterances are taken to represent the sentiments of commercial England and the foundation of the throne of England is not to be found in war ships, but her commerce.

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ly upward. He was in Gladstone's cabinet in 1880 and became the author of the bankruptcy act, now the law of England. He remained with Gladstone until 1886, when, in a division of sentiment with the grand old man over home rule, he resigned and opposed him politically forever after.

In his early years Mr. Chamberlain was a socialist, drifting with that into what is termed radical English politics. Since 1888 he has grown more conservative, shown a preference for imperialism and unification of all the interests of the empire.

"I would go so far as to say that, terrible as war may be, even war itself would be cheaply purchased if in a great and noble cause the stars and stripes and the union jack should wave together over an Anglo-Saxon alliance."

"A great many people call that claptrap and J. D. O'Connell of the treasury department has written a furious article in which he demonstrates to his own satisfaction that the American people are not of Anglo-Saxon stock and that such a thing as an 'Anglo-Saxon' alliance is an impossibility.

"The Saxons were a low German tribe that dwelt at and near the mouth of the Elbe about 1,600 years ago. How they happened to get there nobody knows, but from the coldness of their blood and the sluggishness of their brain I opine that they evolved from the oyster."

This will not disturb Mr. Chamberlain at all. He probably would as leave substitute for Anglo-Saxon the words English-American, for that is what he means, and that is why Madrid journals fairly frothed when the report of his speech reached them.

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Sunday School Lesson for October 16.

The Temple Repaired.

2 Chronicles, XXIV, 4-13.

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CONTEXT.—Jehoshaphat, the good king of Judah, after years of faithful service committed one great blunder—he made a league with Ahab against the Syrians. Although afterwards he repented, he was much troubled, and finally, in the closing years of his life, his son, Jehoram, forsake the goodly example of his father, and he was in a religionist's eyes a wicked man.

PURPOSE.—Under the guidance of his early guardian, the high priest Jehoiada, the king was a man of God, combined with his desire to restore the worship of Jehovah, would have been sufficient to sustain him in so laudable an undertaking.

EXPENSE.—There were two plans by which Jehoiada might have executed his purpose. Without doubt sufficient funds were available in the treasury, but the expense of the necessary repairs, and the king might have used them for that purpose, supplementing them if need be from his own stores.

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REPROOF.—The men thus sent out were reluctant to enter upon their work. Their indignance may be assigned to many causes. It was a long time since any such thing had been done in a desecrated and the collectors might on that account feel timid in making the approach, not knowing what reception would be given.

INCENTIVE.—There was no ordinary motive that incited the king to the resolute execution of his purpose. His personal loyalty to God, combined with his desire to restore the worship of Jehovah, would have been sufficient to sustain him in so laudable an undertaking.

TREASURY.—Having started up the officers to do their duty the king prepared a treasury (verse 4 and 5). A chest or box was constructed with a hole in the lid (1 Kings xiv. 9). This box was made of silver in several ways.

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COMPLETION.—The money being provided the work was prosecuted with vigor (verses 12 and 13). The king and Jehoiada gave personal supervision, being united in their design and having a common interest.

CONCLUSION.—Here is the proper way of building and repairing churches. Let the leaders whose business it is to supervise religious matters, be careful to keep the sanctuary in good condition, knowing that the house is a great influence upon worship.

OFFERING.—The result of this new method was gratifying. First, there was general rejoicing among the princes and the people to bring their gifts.

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