

## Notable Families.

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### I.—THE GLADSTONE FAMILY.



OW, when Mr. Gladstone's familiar figure has deserted the benches of the Commons, we all, as Englishmen, be we Liberals or Conservatives, Unionists or Radicals, admire him as a man, as a great English statesman, as a kind husband and loving father, whose descendants have been intrusted with the bearing of a name that will ever remain a shining light in the history of this country. Through the kind assistance of one member of Mr. Gladstone's family, we have the privilege of publishing here a complete set of portraits of his twenty-two direct descendants, with the addition of a few facts regarding them.

The old people of Hawarden well remember an interesting double event which occurred on July the 25th, 1839, when Miss Catherine Glynne and Miss Mary Glynne, both known for their singular beauty and loveliness of character, were married respectively to Mr. W. E. Gladstone and the late Lord Lyttelton. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone's golden wedding was observed locally on the 25th of July, 1889, by the erection of a fountain in Hawarden Village.

This wedding was eventful for Hawarden, for, at the invitation of his brother-in-law, Sir Stephen Glynne, who never married, Mr. Gladstone made it his home. Hawarden was chosen because Mr. Gladstone had no call for residence elsewhere, except, perhaps, at his father's estate, Fasque, in Kincardineshire, where he paid regular visits with his family until Sir John Gladstone's death in 1851.

Mr. Gladstone's brother-in-law, the late Sir Stephen R. Glynne, then owner of the

Hawarden Estate and Castle, had very early to face the changes and chances of life. His agent of the day, to whom everything was intrusted, brought, by rash speculations in iron, the estate to the verge of ruin, which it will yet take generations to repair. Mr. Gladstone was able to give great assistance in meeting this crisis. He himself also purchased properties in the vicinity, but, as is well known, he made over all his own property to his eldest son, not long after that son had succeeded by will Sir S. R. Glynne at his death, in 1874.

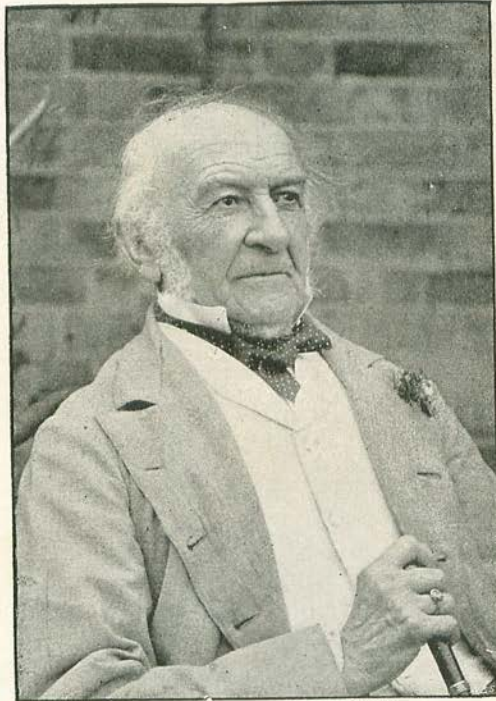
The castle and grounds belong, however, to Mrs. Gladstone for life.

This surrender of his property in land so many years ago was only characteristic of Mr. Gladstone's general principle in favour of devolving property and responsibility on the younger generation, not when death compels, but when a sense of propriety commends it. Thus Mr. Gladstone himself has long ago divided his living for the most part among his children, while at the same time setting aside a large sum for the founding and endowment of St. Deiniol's Library and Hostel.

It has often been one of his most grateful expressions that his children have never

caused him, except by illness or death, a moment's anxiety; and he has, therefore, been able to see his way to make them all independent many years before his old age set in.

One of Mrs. Gladstone's gifts has been an intuitive knowledge in matters of health and nursing; in fact, though Mrs. Gladstone has the greatest respect for doctors and nurses, she is herself an excellent doctor and nurse combined. Husband, children, and scores of friends and relations have had the benefit



THE RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE.  
From a Photo. by Byrne & Co., Richmond, Surrey.



From a] MRS. CATHERINE GLADSTONE. [Photograph.

of her skill and care. It must be said that in this respect, notwithstanding her present strength of constitution, she never remembered to take much care of herself. Another gift is seen in the way in which by influence and organizing power, by contempt for red tape and by ready resource, she has established and carried forward, for many years, valuable institutions by simple means and methods; the Orphanage and the Little Home, both of which are near, or, rather, at, Hawarden Castle, are an example of this. Here she has spent much of her time, and latterly encouraged her grandchildren to do the like. In other words, Mrs. Gladstone is everybody's friend, and has an unlimited capacity for entering, with real sympathy, into the sorrows of all with whom she comes in contact.

It need hardly be said that Mr. Gladstone, with his blended gifts of tender feeling and sense of justice, has never had favourites in his own family. Circumstances

would bring him in contact much more with some than with others of the circle, but he always made it unmistakably felt that his heart and mind were equally large and equally ready for all.

The Gladstones are said to be a very argumentative family amongst themselves. Be this as it may, there have *never* been any serious differences of thought or feeling between Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and their sons and daughters, even on those subjects of politics and religion which are productive of differences in so many families.

Mr. Gladstone's direct descendants number twenty-two in all, and their portraits, with notes, follow here in chronological order:—

FIRST CHILD.—WILLIAM HENRY GLADSTONE, who married, in 1875, the Hon. Gertrude Stuart, daughter of Lord Blantyre; was born June 3, 1840; and died July 4, 1891. He was M.P., 1865–85; a Lord of Treasury, unpaid, 1869–74. He studied at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. At Eton he showed himself pre-eminent in Latin and Greek verse, and excelled in football and "fives." A great lover and student of ecclesiastical music, he set the music at Hawarden Church for many years, and often played the organ himself. He was close friends with nearly all the leading musicians—Oakeley, Ouseley, Stainer, Elvey, Wesley, Parrott, etc. He was devoted to his estate and country life, being for many years a regular attendant at the Board of Guardians. He also took an active part in all parish affairs, was a most considerate and wise landlord, and died in the prime of life and good

health, of an illness probably resulting from a former accident. As an intense lover of the mountains, especially Swiss and Welsh, he knew every stone of Snowdonia. He was distinguished for daring, combined with an excellent and cool judgment. On one occasion he fell into a crevasse on the Tittlis, but was saved by the rope worn by the party of four, consisting of Mr. Charles Parker (late M.P. for Perth), the Rev. S. E. Gladstone, and a friend. This, however, is not the accident referred to above. There is a beautiful memorial tablet of solid



THE LATE MR. W. H. GLADSTONE.  
From a Photo. by Russell & Sons.

alabaster in Hawarden Church, by the organ. It reads as follows :—

WILLIAM HENRY GLADSTONE,

Born June 3rd, 1840.

Uniting the single-heartedness of childhood to the full development of his mental powers and to high accomplishment, he closed in perfect peace a life of love and service to God and man on July 4th, 1891. Placed by his father and mother.

Their three children are William Glynne Charles, born 1885; Evelyn Catherine, born 1882; Constance Gertrude, born 1883. It need not be said with what tender fondness Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone look upon the three children of their eldest son, whose happy and useful life was cut short by unexpected and early death.

Especially since retiring from public life, Mr. Gladstone has seen much of them, and delights in their frequent visits to the Castle. Little Will is but ten years old, but he bids fair to follow in his father's and in his grandfather's steps. He has a remarkable blending of fun and seriousness; he is very fond of adventure, riding, and rural sports; but he has a much deeper vein also in his character. For eleven years more he will be a minor, and his mother, who devotes herself entirely to her children (though she also proves a most capable trustee, with an almost intuitive knowledge of people and things), is his sole



MASTER WILLIAM G. C. GLADSTONE.  
From a Photo. by G. Walmough Webster.

(so intimately known to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone), and the younger one more after her grandfather, Lord Blantyre. Both are full of life and energy.

SECOND CHILD.  
—AGNES, born 1842 (Mrs. Wickham), married 1873. Wife

guardian. The beautiful inheritance of Hawarden passed to him at his father's death in 1891, it having been willed to him (as already stated) by his uncle, Sir Stephen Glynne, Mrs. Gladstone's brother. Mrs. Gladstone alone survives of the two sisters and brothers (the Rev. Henry Glynne, whose daughters are Mary, living still at Hawarden, and Lady Penrhyn), having outlived Sir Stephen Glynne, who died in 1874. Of the two daughters, Evelyn and Constance, the older may be said to take after her great-grandmother, the previous Duchess of Sutherland



MRS. AGNES WICKHAM.  
From a Photo. by H. S. Mendelssohn.



THE MISSES EVELYN AND CONSTANCE GLADSTONE.  
From a Photo. by G. Walmough Webster.

of the present Dean of Lincoln, for twenty years Head Master of Welington College.

Their children are: Catherine Mary Lavinia, born 1875; William Gladstone, born 1878; Lucy Christian, born 1878; Margaret Agnes, born 1879; Edward Stephen Gladstone, born 1883. Catherine, called Katie, is the eldest grandchild, and Mrs. Gladstone had the pleasure of seeing her grow up and of presenting her to the Queen two years ago. William, the eldest grandson, in his early days at school (at Temple Grove and Winchester, where, as head of his house, he

is now completing his school life before entering the University), was known to stand up, against the vast majority of



From a MISS CATHERINE WICKHAM. [Photograph.

his schoolfellows, for Liberalism and his grandfather. This, no one will gainsay, means a good deal in a schoolboy. Christian and Margaret are now completing their education at St. Andrews, N.B. Little Edward is a charming blend of spirit and gentleness,



MR. W. G. WICKHAM.  
From a Photo. by G. Hadley, Lincoln.

and a general favourite wherever he goes.

THIRD CHILD. — STEPHEN EDWARD. Born 1844. Four



THE MISSES MARGARET AND CHRISTIAN WICKHAM.  
From a Photograph.



MASTER E. S. G. WICKHAM.  
From a Photo. by Walton & Adams, Reading.

years Curate of S. Mary-the-Less, Lambeth, under Dean Gregory. He became Rector of Hawarden in 1872, and married, in 1885, Miss Annie C. Wilson, Liverpool, daughter of Dr. Wilson.

Their children are Catherine, born 1885; Albert Charles, born 1886; Charles Andrew, born 1889; Stephen Deiniol, born 1892; Edith, born 1895. Catherine is (so far) the only Catherine Gladstone (her grandmother's name) amongst Mr. Gladstone's direct descendants. Albert



THE REV. STEPHEN  
E. GLADSTONE.

*From a Photo. by  
J. Thompson, Grosvenor  
Street, S.W.*



MASTER CHARLES ANDREW GLADSTONE.  
*From a Photo. by G. Watmough Webster.*



MISS CATHERINE GLADSTONE.  
*From a Photo. by G. Watmough Webster.*

godson. Stephen Deiniol was so called after the patron saint and founder of Hawarden Church,



MASTER STEPHEN DEINIOL GLADSTONE.  
*From a Photo. by G. Watmough Webster.*

Charles is the constant and devoted companion of his elder sister, and both are very fond of books. Charles Andrew was so called after the great physician, Sir Andrew Clark, for many years the beloved and trusted medical attendant of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and all their family. It is not too much to say that he was one of the very few who were the most intimate friends of Mr. Gladstone. This little boy was Sir Andrew Clark's



MASTER ALBERT C. GLADSTONE.  
*From a Photo. by G. Watmough Webster.*

first Bishop of Bangor about 550 A.D. Mr. Gladstone has also called his library and hostel after this name. Edith is Mr. Gladstone's youngest grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone attended her baptism in the parish church when she was three days old, just before going abroad last January.



EDITH GLADSTONE.  
From a Photo. by G. Watmough Webster.

FOURTH CHILD. — JESSIE CATHERINE, born July 27, 1845; died April 9, 1850. A lovely and precious child, of whose last illness Mr. Gladstone wrote, from hour to hour, a very full and close account in a private diary, which still exists as a monument of fatherly anxiety and affection, showing how he followed with the utmost keenness every least turn in the painful illness which resulted in the first, but not the last, death within the number of his own children. Mr.



JESSIE CATHERINE GLADSTONE.  
From a Painting in Hawarden Castle.

Gladstone bore the little body (Jessie was not yet five years old) to Fasque, and placed it in the vault of the little Episcopal chapel built by his father, where he also was present at the interment of so many others near and dear to him, especially his parents, two sisters, eldest brother, and others.

FIFTH CHILD. — MARY, born 1847. Married to the Rev. Harry Drew. They have one child, namely, Dorothy Mary

Catherine, born in 1890. Mrs. Drew has almost always lived with her father and mother, and her marriage has made no difference in this. The birth of little Dorothy was the addition of a sunbeam in the house and home of the old people. The child's bright and intelligent ways, her quaint talk, her romantic appearance and bare feet are



MRS. MARY DREW.  
From a Portrait by Sir Edward Burne-Jones.

amongst the characteristics which make her so well known and loved.

SIXTH CHILD.—HELEN, born 1849. For many years connected with Newnham College, Cambridge, where she has latterly been head of one of the two halls; we have already had the pleasure of publishing this lady's



DOROTHY DREW.  
From a Photo. by Faulkner, Baker Street, W.

photographs at different ages in THE STRAND MAGAZINE a short time ago, together with a short biographical sketch.

**SEVENTH CHILD.**—**HENRY NEVILLE**, born 1852. He married the Hon. Maud Ernestine, daughter of Lord Rendel. Mr. H. N. Gladstone is a merchant of London and Calcutta, and formerly spent some ten years in India, hard at work. His father thought from early times that he showed the business capacity which distinguished his grandfather, Sir John Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone has always had a high respect for the merchant life, as giving opportunity for the development and exercise, under discipline, of some of the noblest qualities in human nature.

**EIGHTH CHILD.**—**HERBERT JOHN**, born 1854. The Right Hon. Herbert J. Gladstone, M.P., is, as all know, a familiar figure in politics. He is a most devoted son and uncle. A short account of his life and his portraits at different ages have already appeared in our July number.

To wind up this interesting record of one of our greatest families, it will be interesting to give a little story which refers especially to Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone's children. One day it was arranged to give the children a treat, with an intended picnic tea and bonfire in the old castle. Sir Stephen Glynné, of all men the most generous and noble-hearted, freely allowed the public to use the castle and park, but did not permit picnics and fires in the old



MISS HELEN GLADSTONE.  
From a Photo. by Window & Grove.



MR. H. N. GLADSTONE.  
From a Photograph.



THE RT. HON. HERBERT J. GLADSTONE, M.P.  
From a Photo. by Russell & Sons.

castle. It was then planned to play a practical joke on the fond uncle, and Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were made partners in the plot. They were to take Sir Stephen Glynné for a walk in the direction of the old castle, where a fire had been lit. He soon saw the smoke in the trees and was much perturbed, and advanced with his companions to see who dared to break his rules. There, to be sure, was the fire, and the kettles by it, and, ensconced under the ruins, a party of children and older folk, looking like gipsies, enjoying a

well-spread tea on the grass. Sir Stephen Glynné was horrified, and Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone advised him to go up to the party, thinking he would recognise his nephews and nieces and their nurses. They were so well disguised, however, that, on coming up and strongly remonstrating with the head of the party (the nurse, a sturdy Scotchwoman, who stuck to her guns in the parley), he failed to see the joke. His dismay was much increased when, on looking at the well-spread tablecloth, he saw his own china and other materials, but what could he do with such a brazen-faced lot? It was then that Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone told him to look more closely at the faces, and so at last he discovered the little game, and heartily joined in the consequent merriment.