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GRIEF OF AN OLD BACHELOR.

I'm an old bachelor, half way down
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MEN OF THE TIME IN ENGLAND.

JOHN BRIGHT.

[illegible] Pall Mall, in London, [illegible] perhaps, with its seven [illegible], each of rich architectural character, the most truly patrician [illegible] of any street in Europe, rivalling the Faubourg of Morris's luxurious resource:

"In town let me live, then, in town let me die;
For, in truth, I can't relish the country, not I;
If one must have a villa in summer to dwell,
Oh, give me the sweet shady side of Pall Mall."

allows a frontage of 135 feet to that copy—by the great builder, Barry—of the Farnese Palace at Rome, the Reform Club House. To say nothing of its six floors and one hundred and thirty-four apartments; its masonry of Portland stone, and grand hall, 56 by 50, surrounded by Corinthian and Ionic collonades; its Italian staircase and unsurpassed *cuisine*, there is one among its fourteen hundred members who have paid the entrance fee of twenty-five guineas, and the annual subscription of ten guineas, for whom every American visitor inquires, and upon whom, when pointed out, he looks without disappointment—for, like Napoleon, whom he not a little resembles, he answers in person to what he is in intellect—and that is the great commoner, John Bright, the leader of the Liberal party now, the Minister, that is yet to be, of England.

John Bright is fifty-six years old. He is the son of John Bright, of Greenbank, near Rochdale, from whom, with two brothers, he inherited the business of cotton spinning, which carried on under the firm of John Bright & Brothers. He first distinguished himself in politics by his efforts against the corn laws as anti-corn law lecturer, [illegible] at the period [illegible] of farmers and manufacturers [illegible] in April, 1841, when thirty-[illegible] years old, he unsuccessfully contested the representation of the city of Durham, for which he stood again in June of the same year, and was [illegible] Stockport, [illegible] Manchester, [illegible] Birmingham, [illegible] in 1843, and, [illegible] the same year he spoke against the slave trade, supported an address to induce a [illegible] policy with the country, and with the regions to which the bill applied.

Mr. Bright is the most effective speaker in Parliament. With a Miranda head, set upon herculean shoulders; a manly bearing, sturdy bearing, and forcible but never violent action; a good voice, distinct enunciation, and ready choice of language, he is nearer the American standard of forensic eloquence than probably any other man in England. Besides, he is really the only good speaker in the Commons who is free from that mannerism—that drawl and hesitation—so offensive to good taste in every part of the world. Since the death of Richard Cobden he is unquestionably the most powerful supporter of all measures for the rights of the people, and the most staunch advocate of the rights of [illegible] cases, of any political [illegible] though his hard hitting [illegible] of his views are sometimes [illegible] and sometimes indiscreetly, he has never failed to make steady progress towards the [illegible] he has had in view for twenty years.

In private life Mr. Bright is irreproachable. He is a member of the Society of Friends and [illegible] their meetings. [illegible] second or third [illegible] houses, his business, his [illegible] business, and he is [illegible] competent estate. After the death of his first wife, in 1841, he married, in 1847 the daughter of Mr. Leatham, of Wakefield, by whom he has several children.

THE RIGHT HON. BENJAMIN D'ISRAELI.

Opposite the [illegible] designates Mr. Bright to [illegible] looking down from the gallery of the House of Commons [illegible] chair to the [illegible] of all that [illegible] the eye so unpleasantly for the first time. It covers the grizzly [illegible] men whom Daniel O'Connell [illegible] Radicals, Benthamites, Manchester men, Yorkshire farmers, and [illegible] Irish members. Between these [illegible] there are [illegible] Fitzpatricks, only distinguishing in politics between the Queen's [illegible] and the Queen's enemies, [illegible] Fitzpatrick's, [illegible] through water [illegible] Irish [illegible] Fitzpatrick's [illegible] Irish [illegible] Fitzpatrick's [illegible] Irish [illegible] Fitzpatrick's