Mr. James Bryce in Australia.

Scholar, Author, and Ambassador.

The visit to Australia of the Right Hon. James Bryce, the British statesman, is an event of importance. The attainments and character of the man himself make his appearance here of unique interest. He stands in relation to the two main English-speaking countries of the world also indicates the practical bearing that his activities may have in influencing the development of closer commercial and cultural relations between the new lands of the southern continents and the great commonwealth of nations, as well as in the advancement of those bonds of friendship and understanding that are cementing the Commonwealth of Australia and the Dominion of New Zealand with the mother country.

Just when the fresh conditions of the awakening Orient are filling the minds of thinking men in England and America, as well as in Australia, with perplexing problems, it is fitting that one who has mixed with the leaders of public opinion in the English-speaking countries of the Old World and the Old, should come to the nominal head of the Empire and ascertain in what the questions that agitate the loyal domains of his country can be most usefully and truly be taken for the service and preservation of peace in the reasons to come. Mr. Bryce is in Australia for a holiday tour, but he is a man who keeps his eye open and his mind receptive in relation to every matter that affects his public capacity; and the opportunities which are now opening up should prove valuable in connection with his future

Ministerial Positions.

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Mr. Bryce, when a member of the Liberal Party, was a favorite with Queen Victoria, because of his knowledge of the colonies and his ability to speak in the House of Commons. He was one of the earliest to suggest that the Cabinet should be more than a mere collection of ministers, but should be a body of men who could settle the affairs of the country without legislation. This idea was adopted by the Liberals, and he became one of the most influential members of the Cabinet.

In 1886, he was appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland, and he proved himself a wise and able administrator. He was one of the few men who could command the respect of the people of Ireland, and he was able to carry out his work with great efficiency.

Mr. Bryce was a strong believer in the importance of education, and he was one of the first to bring the subject to the attention of the public. He was a member of the Board of Education, and he worked hard to improve the educational system of the country.

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