Mr. Gladstone's own unselfish power would have been greatly circumscribed. This fact the great Liberal leader has often gracefuply admitted. His special honouring of provincial editors will recall his expression that the English extra-metropolitan papers are even more trustworthy exponents of public thought than the great dailies of London, and the wage will add, as they have done before—"Mr. Gladstone is criticised by the London papers, but flattered by the provincial." There is, however, not one amongst these newly-honoured country journalists who has not been during many years a leader of men. As for some of the other recipients of Her Majesty's favour, the most remarkable fact is the advanced age at which their reward comes. Sir J. Tenniel is seventy-three, and Sir I. Holden is one of the oldest men in the House of Commons. He was born two years before Mr. Gladstone, and is therefore eighty-six years of age. This fact brings into strong relief the anomaly that the renowned Prime Minister should have been recommending hundreds of humble men to the Royal favour, and yet in his eighty-fourth year should himself be plain Mr. Gladstone still. The position is of his own seeking; and, whatever he may consent to be, he will always be known as William Ewart Gladstone.

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**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1893.**

**CABLE MESSAGES.**

**BIRTHDAY HONORS.**

**A R.C.M.G. FOR MR. TODD.**

**CHIEF JUSTICE MADDEN KNIGHTED.**

**BIRTHDAY DECORATIONS.**

**DR. K.C. STIRLING DECORATED.**

**LONDON, June 2.**

The Gazette, published on Thursday, contains the names of the gentlemen on whom Her Majesty the Queen has bestowed titles and distinctions in honor of her birthday. They include the following:

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**PERSIA.**

Sir Henry Husayn Vivan, Liberal member of the House of Commons for Swans, who was born in 1821, and who has sat in Parliament continuously since 1852. He is a member of the firm of H. H. Vivan & Co., metallurgists, and was created a baronet eleven years ago.

Sir Thomas Henry Farrer, who was permanent secretary to the Board of Trade until 1886. He was born in 1819, and was created a baronet in 1892.

**ELOQUENTIARY RECITAL.**

Dr. Charles Cameron, M.D., LL.D., Liberal member for the College division of Glasgow, and proprietor of the Glasgow Daily Mail, which he edited for 10 years.

Mr. William James Ingram, Liberal member for Boston, and eldest surviving son of the late Mr. Herbert Ingram, the founder of the Illustrated London News. The new baronet, with his brother, now undertakes the management of the journal named.

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**KNOTHS.**

Mr. Charles Todd, M.A., F.R.S., Postmaster General and Superintendant of Telegraphs of New South Wales, who was created a Companion of the order in 1872 on the completion of the Overland Telegraph Line, has been made a Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

The Hon. John Madden, LL.D., who was recently appointed Chief Justice of Victoria in succession to the late Mr. George Higginbotham, has been made a Knight Bachelor.

The Hon. George Shenton, who was appointed President of the West Australian Legislative Council on the death of Sir T. Cocksburn-Campbell, Bart., has been made a Knight Bachelor.

Knighthoods have also been conferred on:

-- Mr. John Leng, senior member in the Liberal interest for Dundee, and proprietor of the People's Journal.
-- Mr. John Tenniel, who has been connected with the staff of London Punch since 1851, and who has for many years drawn its chief cartoons.
-- Mr. E. H. Russell, proprietor of the Liverpool Daily Post.
-- Mr. Gideon Field.

**COMMISSIONS OF ST. MICHAEL.**

Dr. Edward Charles Stirling, M.A., M.D., F.R.G.S., lecturer on physiology and clinical surgery at Adelaide University.

Major-General Alexander Bruce Tulloch, C.B., Commandant of the Victorian military forces.

Mr. Dennis O'Donovan, F.R.G.S., Parliamentary librarian at Brisbane.

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**Registors 16 June 1893.**

His Excellency the Governor on Saturday morning received a cablegram announcing among the Birthday honors conferred by Her Majesty the Queen Mr. Charles Todd, F.R.G.S., correspondent-chemist, had been created a K.C.M.G., and Dr. E. C. Stirling a C.M.G.

As soon as the news of his knighthood became known in Adelaide Mr. Todd received a large number of congratulations, among the first being a letter from Lord Kintore, which appears above.