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creed and power. Without him, without his ideals and courage and statesmanship Labor could not have triumphed.

Nobody in public life has had more ups and downs than Ramsay MacDonald. Not even Charles James Fox or Mr. Gladstone, at the height of their unpopularity in times of national crisis, aroused the same degree of animosity as Mr. MacDonald brought upon himself by his attitude during the Great War. No politician of modern times has made so rapid a recovery from disasters which seemed at the time to mark the end of his active career.

MacDonald's young life was hard. Born at the Morayshire fishing village of Lossiemouth in 1866 he was brought up very largely under the influence of his grandmother. He went to the village school, and the dominie, by encouraging him to become a pupil teacher, brought him back from the work in the fields to which he had been put. At 19 years of age he was trying his fortune in London, where, without friends and without means, he had a desperate struggle. He became a clerk in the city at three dollars a week. His health gave way when he was studying for a Science scholarship at South Kensington: and upon his recovery he acted as private secretary for Thomas Lough, who afterwards became Liberal member of Parliament for West Islington. This was a turning point of his career.

Quickly abandoning his Liberalism, he threw in his lot in 1894 with the Socialist organization called the Independent Labor party. At the 1895 and 1900 elections he stood for Parliament, and was heavily defeated, first at Southampton and then at Leicester. In 1900 he became secretary of the Labor Representation Committee, a joint body of trade unionists and Socialists, which quickly developed into the Labor party of today. He succeeded in entering Parliament as Labor member for Leicester in 1906. He showed himself a persuasive speaker and ready debater, and when in 1911 he was chosen sessional chairman of the Labor party, he displayed so marked a capacity for leadership his position in the party became secure.

Up to this point in his career MacDonald had been regarded as no more than an able and energetic Socialist with parliamentary gifts beyond those of his colleagues in the Labor party. With the outbreak of war, however, he took on a new character. He was violently opposed to British participation in the war from the beginning, and resigned the chairmanship of his party when he found that the great majority in it were against him. For four and a half years he was the arch-pacifist in Great Britain. He was not only the leader of an insignificant minority, but of a tiny fraction of his own party.

During all these years MacDonald was virtually beyond the pale of British sentiment and sympathy. The House of Commons listened to him in stony silence, and when he wished to set out for Russia in 1917 members of the National Seamen's and Firemen's Union refused to man the ship. When, in the same year, he sought to attend a conference at Stockholm, which the Bolshevists proposed as a step toward peace negotiations, he was refused passports. He went as far as to take a leading part in the conference at Leeds in June, 1917, which passed a resolution calling for the establishment of councils of soldier's and workmen's delegates on the Russian model.

With such a record as this, it was perhaps not surprising that at the election of 1918 MacDonald should have met with overwhelming disaster. His unpopularity pursued him at a by-election at Woolwich, when he lost a Labor stronghold. It was not, indeed, until the election of 1922 that he succeeded in re-entering the House of Commons as member for Aberavon.

Then came an extraordinary turn of fortune 's wheel. With the help of the radicals from the Clyde, he was elected chairman of the Labor party by a narrow majority, and stepped into the position of Leader of the Opposition. Since then his career has been contemporary history.

Shy, reserved, a victim sometimes of Celtic melancholy, he is often misunderstood. Biographers have pictured him as a dour, Calvinistic Scot, as a combination of Hamlet and Highlander. Yet no one who has read the beautiful and moving love story of "Margaret MacDonald: A Memoir," can think of him as that. There are passages in that book of such loveliness and pathos as would warm the coldest heart. They tell the story of Ramsay MacDonald's romantic courtship and marriage to Margaret Ethel Kelvin, niece of the great Lord Kelvin: and there is little in the love literature of the world more beautiful, certainly not more noble. Margaret MacDonald died, and this book, a tribute to her memory, is the best revelation of the heart of Ramsay MacDonald.

Canada, in the past, has welcomed many Prime Ministers of Britain. In recent years she has paid homage to Lloyd George and Stanley Baldwin: has acclaimed other great leaders like Balfour Birkenhead, Churchill. Yet it is no exaggeration to say that never before has an Empire leader come to us in circumstances which so proclaim the old genius of the British race for the moral leadership of the world. Because of what he has been and has made himself, because he is the missionary and champion of a mighty ideal; and also because he is of our Empire's marrow and bone, Canada may well bend all of her heart in welcoming Ramsay MacDonald.

Baptist Ladies Tea and Sale

In spite of the stormy weather, the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held a tea and sale of home cooking in the church parlors. The event was entirely successful socially and financially. The rooms were prettily decorated in keeping with the Halloween season. Mrs. George Hibberd was general convener and Mrs. J. Lindsay received the guests. Mrs. Dafoe and Mrs. S. Hammond poured. Mrs. Bert Morgan and Mrs. Frank Morris were in charge of the home cooking. Those serving were Mrs. Ivarson, Miss Pauline Furness and Mrs. J. Smith. Others assisting were Mrs. W. W. Wrathall, Mrs. R. Green and Mrs. P. H. Linzey.

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