

THE BRITISH RULE.

Have a Knack of Getting Into Power in Other Lands.

Notable Instances of Such Behavior in Semisavage Countries—Despotic Control Exercised by Self-Made Kings.

Not only does England govern many peoples on her own account, but Englishmen seem to have the faculty of ingratiating themselves with still other nations and practically running them. The most conspicuous of these Britons just now is Sir Robert Hart, who controls the customs service of China. His name and the story of his rise and achievements have been in the newspapers so much recently that it is all familiar to the public, says the New York Press. In his position Sir Robert has nothing to do with England, yet he has contrived to do a good turn to his native land many times. One time when Russia wanted to advance China a loan and thus get China in her power, Sir Robert checkedmate the game of "Adam-zad, the Bear That Walks Life a Man."

Corea, the peninsular country that juts out of China, has been managed for years by McLeavy Brown, who holds immense power in the land. He is a private Briton, like Sir Robert Hart, and has the customs, finances, government and practically the nation in his hands. He rescued the country from bankruptcy, showed the king how to reform the army, swept away official swindlers and leeches and made a happy and prosperous nation of a country that had been in a bad state.

For a case of despotic power wielded by a Briton, there is an instance nearer home. John Finlayson, who died a short time ago, ruled a large part of Morocco and was by a long way the most useful ruler the country ever had. He was a Scotchman, and had a knowledge of the Moors and the Arabic language that was unequalled by any man who ever lived—except, perhaps, the traveler Burton.

He was originally a mining expert, and he opened and worked some tin mines in the back country for the benefit of the sultan. He became a close friend of the monarch, who made him practically a ruling viceroy, who did the work and took the credit, leaving the sultan to amuse himself without the anxiety of governing.

Finlayson remodeled the army, reformed the revenues, and soon Morocco began to flourish. He did what no sultan had ever been able to do—kept the wild tribes of the interior in something approaching order. Piracy and robbery he weeded out to a large extent, but it was impossible to stop them altogether. He paid off the national debt of \$10,000,000 and increased the nation's revenues from \$750,000 to \$2,500,000.

He lived the life of an Arab chief, but kept to the Christian religion. He was obliged, however, to conform to the ceremonies of Mohammedanism, for he was too tactful to excite prejudice. The nation at large really thought him an Arab by birth. He was always traveling about the country with his suite, turning up unexpectedly. He held the chief post of justice, and was feared and esteemed as no native subject ever was. When some of his unruly subjects raided Spanish territory and nearly caused a war, he pulled his adopted nation through the fix and paid a small indemnity. Once every year he visited his native town of Aberdeen for a week. Morocco misses him sorely, now that he is gone, and the country's prosperity is not what it was. He died of fever caught in the Tetuan swamps, and his funeral was honored even more than a sultan's. Morocco did not know he was the son of a Scotch tailor, but so he was, and a great man into the bargain. He remained a subject of Victoria up to his death.

Kipling's famous story, "The Man Who Would Be King," is founded on fact. An ex-civil servant, Cowper, who had come to grief in his profession, obtained the powers of a monarch in Kafiristan. This is a wild and dangerous country at the back of Afghanistan, north of India, and, as a rule, it is certain death for any European who is found there. The Kafirs are one of the cruellest and most turbulent races on earth. Yet this man, who went there without followers or money, was actually installed as king for a short time. He was master of the Kafri language and manners, and managed to get himself accepted as a sort of god.

While he was king he did the thing thoroughly and governed well; also surrounded himself with money, horses and servants. His reign, which was popular while it lasted, gained for him the reverence of the people, for they believed him to be a genuine deity, and worshiped at a temple he had erected to himself. He established the beginning of a great horse trade with Afghanistan, which has flourished ever since, and the country certainly prospered under his rule. He held the throne only a year, for a rival chief aroused a faction against him and had him murdered.

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HARRY H. McMANN,
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