

MEN OF THE DAY. No. 333.

THE VENERABLE BENJAMIN HARRISON, M.A.

BENJAMIN HARRISON of Clapham was a benevolent person in the beginning of the century. Seven-and-seventy years ago a son was born to him. That son was sent to Oxford, where he became one of the leading scholars of his day. He married; he was made Archdeacon of Maidstone and a Canon of Canterbury; and when the evil thought was conceived of spoiling the Best Book in any language, he was appointed to help in it, by being made one of those who were to invent a revised edition of the Bible. In this revision he has taken a leading part, and it is generally understood that it was he who abolished Hell.

Archdeacon Harrison speaks as well as he runs, and is besides a man full of learning, cleverness, and wit. He loves pictures and books, and has a fine collection of the latter. In his youth he was quite an athlete in a small way. When he was fifty he ran a three hundred yards foot-race with the late Dean Stanley on Herne Bay Pier, winning easily; and there is even now no Bishop to whom he could not give seven pounds and a beating.