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## MEN OF THE DAY. No. 792.

MR. WINSTON LEONARD SPENCER CHURCHILL.

LESS than twenty-six years ago he became the elder son of a very beautiful mother and a very able father; and now he is the Conservative candidate for Oldham with every prospect of being sent to St. Stephen's to support Imperialism and harry the War Office. For he has had a good deal of war-like experience; he thinks that he knows more about the Army than any of those Permanent Officials who have hitherto gotten their own way in matters of the greatest moment; he is firm in his convictions, and he has all the confidence that may be begotten of the union of Practical Experience with Quick Youth. At Harrow he showed a precocious love of Politics; at Sandhurst he studied Politics as much as Tactics; and with the Spanish forces in Cuba he put his theories into practice well enough to win a First Class Order of Spanish Merit. Then he saw service in India and, having earned a Medal and Honourable Mention, became Sir William Lockhart's Orderly Officer during the Tirah Expedition. He earned yet another Medal at Khartoum; and wrote a capital book on "The River War." Now he is lately back from South Africa, whither he went for *The Morning Post*; which he served well with a series of admirable letters that have made another book which will be hard to beat in its kind. He saw much in Boerland, and did something, and got caught; but being quick-witted, lithe, active, and perhaps lucky, he was able to escape from Pretoria in a manner which caused some sensation and made him the hero of an hour. He is a clever fellow who has the courage of his opinions; yet he thinks that the Boer is not so black as he is painted. He can write and he can fight, and he believes that Army Reform must engross more of the next Parliament's thoughts than any other subject. For himself, he has hankered after Politics since he was a small boy, and it is probable that his every effort, military or literary, has been made with political bent; so that if concentration be worth anything he should now reap some reward at Oldham. He is something of a sportsman: who prides himself on being practical rather than a dandy; he is ambitious; he means to get on, and he loves his country. But he can hardly be the slave of any Party.

He is called "Winston"; and his ways and manners are constant reminders of his father.

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"Winston"

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