

change of Constitution I say the people of this country are entitled to vote on it. We have a Constitution which we have enjoyed for nearly half a century and something must have happened why a change is wanted at this particular time. It is true that we are living under a system of quasi-Representative Government, and that we will get away from it as soon as we can; but we have to consult the people of this country on any such change. I can tell you that my people do not want it, for it has not been put before them. I come from Westmoreland; I represent that Parish and at no time has the question of the proposed change of Constitution been put before my people. We have been living under the present Constitution for a long time and the people of my parish are perfectly satisfied with it. A lot has been said about Major Wood coming here and recommending a change in our Constitution. But something else should be said about that visit. When he came here he was taken in hand by people who, it is said, have a stake in the community; but what I want to say is that those people are a stake to the community.

It being five o'clock the Council adjourned until Tuesday November 16th at 11 a.m.

Passing of Rev. A. A. Barclay.

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tory of his country, and thus the tragic commonplace of the grave sounds a deeper note as we mourn for one who was a true hearted patriot and a useful worker among the sons of Jamaica.

The funeral will take place at the Goshen Manse at 8 o'clock this morning.

TRIBUTE BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Colonial Secretary in the Legislative Council yesterday having obtained the suspension of the Standing Orders moved the following resolution:—

"That this Council has learnt with the most profound regret of the death of the Honourable and Rev. Amillius Alexander Barclay, Elected Member for the Parish of St. Mary, and desires to express its high appreciation of his continuous and unwearied devotion to the interests of this island, and its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Barclay in her irreparable bereavement.

"That as a mark of respect this Council do now adjourn for a quarter of an hour, and do not meet on Thursday, 4th November, being the day fixed for the funeral of Mr. Barclay."

Speaking to the resolution, the Colonial Secretary said it was with deep emotion and a sense of personal loss that he rose to perform a melancholy duty, in moving the resolution which he had just read to the House. They had heard to their great sorrow that the Hon. and Rev. Mr. Barclay had passed away at two o'clock that morning. Mr. Barclay was a patriot in the truest sense of the word. He devoted his entire life to the interests of the island and its inhabitants. As honourable members were aware he was a nominated member of the Council from March 1920, and he was elected in 1925, at the last election, as the member for the parish of Saint Mary. Other members of this House would speak with greater knowledge, based on longer acquaintance, of Mr. Barclay than he could; but no one could speak with higher appreciation, than he now did, of the great qualities of the deceased gentleman. From the first moment that he, (the speaker), landed in Jamaica, Mr. Barclay gave him the greatest help and encouragement and he always regard him as in deed he regarded all the members of the Council as his colleagues—as a colleague, in the truest sense of the word. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Barclay was ready to differ, if he thought any of the Government's proposals were not in accord with the best interests of the island; but when he felt that these proposals were for the advancement of the interests of the island, which he loved so well, and which he always described in words of a true poet, he gave his whole-hearted

caly's many activities he would select the Western-Saint-Mary's Land Settlement Association, of which he had been Secretary, from its inception, and into which he infused his characteristic enthusiasm. He well remembered a visit paid to the parish which the hon. gentleman represented in connection with a meeting of that Association; and it did not take anyone long to realize the affection and esteem in which Mr. Barclay was held by his constituents. (Hear, hear.) It was only a few months ago that he was nominated by this House as a member of the delegation from Jamaica to the West Indian Conference in London; and in a conversation which he had with him (the Colonial Secretary) he expressed his pride and joy in having been selected to represent the Colony at such an important gathering, and his confidence in the results that would be achieved from the conference. It could hardly be denied that Mr. Barclay's activities at the Conference for the advancement of the public good had in fact hastened his death, which to them seemed so premature. The Hon. nominated member, Sir William Morrison with whom Mr. Barclay had served on the delegation would speak of his work in England, after the senior elected member (Mr Hewitt) had seconded the resolution which he had with so much regret to move. The Hon. nominated member would tell them what Mr. Barclay did for the island during his visit to the Mother Country. They had heard of the great effort which Mr. Barclay had made when he was unexpectedly called upon at a luncheon to speak, and of the eloquent enthusiasm which characterized that speech. (Hear, hear.) It was hard to realize that they would not see him any more in the House, and to continue the splendid work on behalf of his country and countrymen. They would all miss him. It was an epitaph which in the nature of things was usually written on the graves of soldiers and sailors; but in such no more fitting and appropriate epitaph could be recorded for their departed colleague than this: *Dixit et decorum*

est pro patria mori. (Hear, hear.)

FROM THE ELECTED SIDE.
Mr. Hewitt in seconding the resolution said it was with profound regret that he did so. He had known Mr. Barclay for a number of years and he was certainly a man of sterling worth. He was no stranger to the House and during the time he had been there he had made his mark as a legislator. He had done his duty faithfully to the country to which he belonged. It was with the greatest regret that he realized that they would see Mr. Barclay no more. Jamaica was all the poorer by his death. Mr. Barclay had served both as a nominated and an elected member and in each capacity he had performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner. He was a man of high and honest principles, a man who was imbued with the idea to do everything to assist in the progress of his country and countrymen. As the Colonial Secretary stated they would miss him greatly and they all joined in tendering their sincerest sympathy to the family of the deceased.

SIR WILLIAM MORRISON.

Sir William Morrison, in rising to support the resolution, said that this was hardly an occasion for words, but he could hardly allow the occasion to pass without contributing on behalf of the nominated members their tribute to one who had been a colleague—a friend. Mr. Barclay had stood out prominently in Jamaica as the pioneer of progressive community effort. He had done everything he possibly could do for the advancement of the people amongst whom he lived and laboured and under his wise supervision they progressed. Mr. Barclay would always be remembered not only for his fearless opinions but for his great thoughtfulness and forcefulness of speech. He took a deep interest in all matters that tended to the advancement of the country. His great love of the country in which he was born and in which he lived was embedded in him. (Hear, hear.) The Colonial Secretary had referred to Mr. Barclay's work in connection with the West Indian Conference and the manner in which he had acquitted himself. Hon. members could hardly know of his great enthusiasm and the inspiring efforts which he threw into the task to which he had set his mind. Although a sick man, he had spared no pains in the work which he had undertaken, and his wonderful courage and zeal would ever be memorable to his colleagues. He had worthily upheld the dignity and trust which the country had reposed in him. There were two incidents which would always be fresh in their minds. The first was when the West Indian delegates had laid a wreath on the cenotaph in London and Mr. Barclay offering up a word of silent prayer. The second was the wonderful speech which he delivered at Barn Hall in the presence of fully 150 to 200 people drawn from the best of English life. On that occasion he spoke of Jamaica, the country which he loved so well. He spoke of the loyalty and aspirations of the people of the land of his birth and he impressed his hearers that this colony was an important integral of the British Empire and stressed the point that they could not afford to lose them because it would tend to the dismemberment of the great British Empire. (Hear, hear.) Their departed colleague was a man of fixed ideas—a man who was steadfast in duty—a man of whom his country and countrymen could well be proud. He had passed away but of him it could be well said "the race well run, the prize well won." (Hear, hear.)

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIBUTE.

The President in putting the motion to the House said that he had not had the advantage of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Barclay. He had left the country to attend the West Indian Conference before he arrived and since his return he had not had an opportunity of meeting him, which he greatly regretted. He wished to associate himself with the resolution which had been submitted to the House. Mr. Barclay was not only respected in Jamaica but also at home, and from what he had heard, if Mr. Barclay had lived, and from the assurance he had received, he would have been of great assistance to him. Although he had not had the pleasure of Mr. Barclay's acquaintance, the fact that he was a nominated member and subsequently an elected member showed that he enjoyed the confidence of the people of his parish. Mr. Barclay had intimated his willingness to work with him and to endeavour to advance the progress of the country, and it was with great regret that he did not have an opportunity to meet Mr. Barclay for them to work together. He felt that by his death the country was the loser, but they were nevertheless richer in that in dying the community would realize Mr. Barclay was a man who had devoted his whole life to the work of the people. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was then put to the House, the members standing in respect.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and the Council adjourned for fifteen minutes.

As stated above the Council will not meet to-day. Several of the members of the Council will attend the funeral at Goshen this morning.

The Cleaner joins with Mr. Barclay's numerous friends and admirers in tendering its sincerest sympathy to the family and relatives of the deceased patriot.

ON COURT FILES.

Messrs. Livingstone and Alexander have filed a summons for directions in the Supreme Court in the case of J. E. L. Cox et al versus Rev. H. F. Sharpe.

Messrs. Mott and Oppenheim have also filed a similar summons in the case of John Paterson, Farmer and Company.

ELECTIONS IN CANADA.

(By Direct West India Cable Company.)
Ottawa, November 2.—In fifteen constituencies to-day ministers in the King Government were accorded acclamations. Not all the ministers were unopposed caused no surprise although it was recognized that there was always the possibility of a last minute opposition. Among those who were nominated were Messrs. King and Ernest Manning, both of whom are overseas attending the Imperial Conference.