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PART I.  
RUMOUR is now rife respecting the supposed departure of the Right Hon. W. Gladstone from the busy arena of politics, wherein he has figured for more than half a century, and during the latter half of which he has been the most conspicuous of all England's great men. Probably at such a time it may not be out of place to attempt to give in a few successive articles a short sketch of his life, his virtues, his achievements, and may not be altogether judicious to publish the lives of eminent contemporaries still after their death. We know not, but that they may achieve some transcendently great end during the remainder of their lives, or may, in some momentous crisis, rise to meet the whole people, and thus it may appear that we are dismissing from the world's stage the actor who has not fully played out his part. Besides, contemporary biographies are usually partial to the hero, and the result is generally a more or less laudatory eulogy. His acts, too, have not been proved by the test of time; it has not been shown whether posterity will approve of them or whether oblivion will enshroud them. But, removed at so great a distance from the scene where his life has been spent, we may view his actions with more impartiality, than those whose liberties, rights, and duties, are more nearly affected by his legislative and administrative doings.

To begin with the life of our hero. Since his beginnings remains always the same, we may as well begin with his birth. Gladstone's father, Mr. Gladstone, was an enterprising merchant at Liverpool, and it was there that Mr. Gladstone was born on the 25th of January, 1807. His father, Mr. Gladstone, was an enterprising merchant at Liverpool, and it was there that Mr. Gladstone was born on the 25th of January, 1807. His father, Mr. Gladstone, was an enterprising merchant at Liverpool, and it was there that Mr. Gladstone was born on the 25th of January, 1807.

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