

MODERN ENGLAND

W $\frac{86}{177}$

MODERN ENGLAND

A RECORD OF OPINION AND ACTION FROM
THE TIME OF THE FRENCH REVOLU-
TION TO THE PRESENT DAY

BY

ALFRED WILLIAM BENN

AUTHOR OF "THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH RATIONALISM IN THE
NINETEENTH CENTURY"

IN TWO VOLUMES

VOL. II

[ISSUED FOR THE RATIONALIST PRESS ASSOCIATION, LTD.]

LONDON :
WATTS & CO.,
17, JOHNSON'S COURT, FLEET STREET, E.C.
1908

CONTENTS OF VOL. II.

CHAPTER X.

THE PUPILS OF CANNING

	PAGE		PAGE
Palmerston reverses Aberdeen's foreign policy	251	Italy and the Crimean War	267
And develops Can- ning's principles	252	The second Chinese War	268-69
Louis Philippe's peace policy	252	The Sepoy Mutiny	269-71
The Spanish marriages	253	Beneficial reaction of India on the English Services	272-73
The Revolution of 1848	254	English interest in Italy	273
Palmerston encourages Italian constitutional- ism	254	The Papal aggression	273-76
Rise of Louis Napoleon to power	255	The Orsini bombs	276
"The man was a scound- rel"	256	History of Palmerston's defeat on the Con- spiracy Bill	277
Palmerston and the <i>Coup d'Etat</i>	256-57	War for Italian free- dom	278
Ministerial changes	257-58	The question of Parlia- mentary Reform	278-80
Key to the policy of Napoleon III.	258	Object of the Radical leaders	281
The Eastern Question	259-60	Reform as a card in the party game	281
Anti-Russian feeling in England	260-62	Bright's Reform cam- paign	282
War provoked by Pal- merston	262-64	Disraeli's Reform Bill	283
End of Russian influence in Europe	265	The General Election of 1859	283
Gladstone and the Nea- politan prisoners	266	Palmerston returns to office	284

CONTENTS

CHAPTER XI.

LIGHT FROM THE WEST

PAGE		PAGE
285	The Peace of Villafranca	294
285	Union of Central Italy with Piedmont	
286	Liberation of the Two Sicilies	295
287	Part played by the English Government. The Volunteer movement	295
288	The Commercial treaty with France	296
288	Election of President Lincoln and secession of the Slave States from the American Union	298
289-90	English opinion at first favourable to the North	299
290	Lincoln resolves to fight for the Union	300-1
290	Change of opinion in England, and its causes	301-3
291	Misapprehension of the real issue	304
292-93		
	Liberal support given to the South	
	The Queen and Prince Albert side with the North	
	The Trent affair	
	The Alabama	
	Anti-democratic prejudice caused by the American War	
	Liberalism loses ground in the Parliament of 1860	
	The Divorce Act of 1857	
	Sympathy of the working classes with the North	
	Democracy dissociated from peace at any price	
	Blundering foreign policy of the Government	
	Gladstone takes up the cause of Reform	

CHAPTER XII.

COSMIC ECONOMY

PAGE		PAGE
305-6	Intellectual brilliancy of the Palmerstonian period	313
307	History of Evolutionism	
308	Freethought at Oxford	314
309-10	Debt of biology to the social sciences	315
309-10	Origin of the Darwinian theory	316-17
311	Prejudice against Evolution	318-19
311-12		320
	Spencer and Bain on the origin of reason	
	Mental development as natural education	
	Evolution and <i>laissez-faire</i>	
	Buckle's philosophy of history	
	Mill's doctrine of liberty	
	Buckle's attack on Sir John Coleridge	

CONTENTS

PAGE		PAGE
320-21	The Broad Church	328-29
322-23	<i>Essays and Reviews</i>	
324	Prosecutions for heresy	329-30
325	Colenso on the Pentateuch	
326	Inquiry set free	330
327	New turn given to Secularism	331
	Herbert Spencer on Religion and Science	
	Agnosticism and Rationalism	
	Lecky's <i>History of Rationalism</i>	
	<i>Ecce Homo</i>	

CHAPTER XIII.

A STUDY IN EXPLOSIVES

PAGE		PAGE
332	The General Election of 1865	345
333	Fenianism	
334	Demand for religious equality in Ireland	346
335	Events in Jamaica	
336	Execution of Gordon	347
336	Effect on English opinion	348
337	Position of J. S. Mill	349
338	The opponents and supporters of Governor Eyre	350
339	The cattle plague	351
340	The Reform Bill of 1866	352
341	Industrial war	
342	Strikes and the Wages Fund theory	353
343	The working classes and the vote	354
344	Defeat and resignation of the Liberal Ministry	354-55
	The Hyde Park railings	
	The compound householder and the vote	
	Disraeli concedes household suffrage	
	The schoolmaster of Falerii	
	The Royal Commission on Trade Unions	
	Attitude of the English Positivists	
	The Minority Report	
	Political enfranchisement and labour	
	Fenian outrages and the Irish Church	
	The General Election of 1868	
	Mill and the Sinking Fund	

CHAPTER XIV.

TRANSFERS OF POWER

PAGE		PAGE
356	End of the Irish Establishment	363
357	Justification of the Liberal policy	364
358	Irish land legislation	365-66
359	The State and elementary education	367
360	Forster's Education Bill	368
361	The religious question	369
362	Inefficiency of the Church schools	370
	Ritualism and Rome	
	University tests abolished	
	Trade Union legislation	
	Progress of German unification	
	Growing discredit of the French Empire	
	Luxemburg and Mentana	
	Concessions to French Liberalism	

CONTENTS

	PAGE		PAGE
The Hohenzollern candidature	371	Prejudice against Trade Unionism	377-78
France and the Spanish throne	372	Anti-militarism	378-79
The Ems telegram	373	Army re-organisation	379
England and Belgium	374	Cardwell's reforms	380
Fall of the French Empire	375	Abolition of purchase	381-82
The Black Sea Treaty	376	Irish University Bill	382
The Paris Commune	377	The General Election of 1874	383
		Disraeli Prime Minister	384

CHAPTER XV.

THE REVOLT OF LITERATURE AND SCIENCE

	PAGE		PAGE
A law of compensation	385	Explanation of the movement against theology	393-94
Matthew Arnold's theology	386	Attitude of the Papacy	394
Freedom of religious opinion	387	Disraeli against ritualism	395
Freethought among the poets	388	Trade Union legislation	396
Change of tone in novels	389	Samuel Plimsoll	397
Evolutionary theories	390	Exemption from service in India	398
Mill and the Darwinians	391	Repeal of the twenty-fifth clause	398
Clifford on <i>Body and Mind</i>	391-92	Establishment of a Sinking Fund	399
<i>Supernatural Religion</i>	392		

CHAPTER XVI.

THE EMPRESS OF INDIA'S GRAND VIZIER

	PAGE		PAGE
<i>Sanitas sanitatum</i>	400	A dummy Congress	413
Pseudo - Palmerstonian policy	401	Lord Lytton as Viceroy	414
Our friend the Turk	402	Olive branches on bayonets	415
The Suez Canal	403-4	The Afghan War	416
The Bulgarian atrocities	405-6	Annexation of the Transvaal	417
Justice <i>versus</i> Imperialism	407	The Zulu War	418
The Servian War	408	The Prince Imperial	419
A spurious Palmerston	409	The General Election of 1880	420
Russia as liberator	410	The Caucus	421
The Balkan campaign	411	Joseph Chamberlain's position	422
The Treaty of San Stefano	412		

CONTENTS

CHAPTER XVII.
THE LAST PALADINS

	PAGE		PAGE
Bradlaugh and the oath	423-25	Foreign policy of the Liberals	443
The case of G. W. Foote	426-27	Restoration of Boer independence	444
Rise of Parnell	428-29	Conquest of Egypt	445
Lord Randolph Churchill and the Fourth Party	429-31	Revolt of the Sudan	446
The Irish land question	431-33	Gordon at Khartoum	447
Boycotting	433-34	Afghan frontier troubles	447-48
Land legislation	434-36	Parnell and the Government	448
Hares and rabbits	436	The Phoenix Park murders	448
Employers' Liability Act	437-39	Fall of the Liberal Government	450
Compulsory education	439	The General Election of 1885	450-51
Household suffrage in the counties	440		
Conflict with the Lords	441		
Redistribution by agreement	442		

CHAPTER XVIII.

TANGLED ISSUES

	PAGE		PAGE
Gladstone's third Ministry and the Liberal split	452	The General Election of 1892 and the second Home Rule Bill	466
The Home Rule Bill	453	Collapse of the Liberal Government	467
The General Election of 1886	454	The General Election of 1895	468
Home Rule as a party question	455-56	The Imperialist movement	468-69
It is generally supported by the Liberals	456	The General Election of 1900 and the Education Bill	469
Gladstone's appeal to the masses	457	Passive resistance	470
Intellectual majority against Home Rule	458	Tariff reform	471-72
The argument from nationality	459	Character and economic policy of Mr. Balfour	473-74
It is met by the argument from self-preservation	460	Break-up and resignation of the Unionist Ministry	474
Colonial and European precedents	460-61	Character of the new Liberal Cabinet	475
Home Rule as a prelude to independence	462	The General Election of 1906	475-76
The Protestant appeal to England	463-64	Its significance as a protest against reaction	476
Parnell and public opinion	465		