

JUSTIN McCARTHY, M.P.

MODERN ENGLAND

FROM THE REFORM BILL TO
THE
ACCESSION OF EDWARD VII.

MODERN ENGLAND

FROM THE REFORM BILL TO THE
ACCESSION OF EDWARD VII.

BY

JUSTIN McCARTHY, M.P.

AUTHOR OF "THE HISTORY OF OUR OWN TIMES," ETC.

THIRD EDITION

(*With a New Epilogue*)

London

T. FISHER UNWIN
ADELPHI TERRACE

CONTENTS

I

THE CONVICT SHIP	7
------------------	---

The Plea of Insanity — Transportation — The Committee of 1837 — The Ticket-of-Leave in Australia — The Complaint of the Colonies — The Ticket-of-Leave System — How it Worked in England — How it Worked in Ireland — Political Convicts — "The Bull's-Eye of Publicity" — No Reaction Possible.

II

TITHES AND STATE CHURCH IN IRELAND	23
------------------------------------	----

The Tithe System in Ireland — The Struggle against Tithes — The Archbishop of Dublin — Something has to be Done — Lord Ebrington's Declaration — The Irish State Church — The Tears of the King — The Melbourne Administration — The King's Death — A New Era Opens.

III

QUEEN VICTORIA	37
----------------	----

The Young Queen — The Duke of Cumberland — Lord Brougham — Lord Lyndhurst — Russell and Peel — A Remarkable House of Commons — The Jamaica Crisis — Resignation of Lord Melbourne — The Bedchamber Question — The Queen and Peel — Lord Melbourne Returns to Office — Melbourne's Death.

IV

THE FOUNDATION OF THE CANADIAN DOMINION 54

Upper and Lower Canada — Discontent in Canada — Rebellion in Canada — Lord Durham — Lord Durham Reconstructs Canada — Durham's Enemies and Friends — The Dominion of Canada — The Principle of Federation — The Future of Federation — Australasia — The Basis of Federation — One Imperial System.

V

THE CHARTIST COLLAPSE 70

How the Movement Began — "The People's Charter" — The Chartist Agitation — Three Classes of Chartists — The March on Newport — The Chartist Petition — "Improved Laws and Clearer Hopes."

VI

STEAM, TELEGRAPH, AND POSTAGE 81

Railways and Steamers — The Revolution in Travel — Postal Reform — The Smuggling of Letters — Rowland Hill — Hill's Scheme Adopted — The Penny Post — The Submarine Telegraph — A Sudden Growth.

VII

"THE STOCKDALE CASE" 93

The Privilege of Parliament — The Sheriffs in Custody — Freedom of Debate.

VIII

THE OPIUM QUESTION	98
--------------------	----

The Opium Drug — The Opium Traffic — War with China — The Lorchha *Arrow* — The Levelling of the Summer Palace — The Open Door.

IX

THE IRISH NATIONAL MOVEMENT	108
-----------------------------	-----

O'Connell and Repeal — O'Connell Prosecuted — "A Mockery, a Delusion, and a Snare" — Famine and Insurrection — Home Rule.

X

PEEL'S TRIUMPH AND FALL	115
-------------------------	-----

Peel's Free Trade Policy — Cobden and Bright — Benjamin Disraeli — Peel's Overthrow — The Great Exhibition — Death of Wellington.

XI

CRIMEA AND CAWNPORE	123
---------------------	-----

The Eastern Question — The Alliance against Russia — The Question still unanswered — The Khyber Pass — Indian Mutiny — India reconquered.

XII

THE WANING CENTURY	132
--------------------	-----