

complete account of the events which have occurred in Egypt since 1907. I trust that the history of those events will in due course be written by some qualified person. I am not in possession of the material which would enable me to write it either with satisfaction to myself or with any real advantage to my readers. I may, however, state very briefly my personal opinion as regards the larger aspects of the various phases through which Egypt has passed during the last eight years.

My good friend, Sir Eldon Gorst, for whom I entertained the highest regard and esteem based on a long and close intimacy, succeeded at a time of very exceptional difficulty to the post which I had held for twenty-four years. The Nationalist party in Egypt, although, as I had been always well aware and as subsequent events proved to be the case, they were no faithful representatives of the opinions and true interests of their fellow-countrymen, made a considerable figure on the political stage, and to the casual observer were naturally invested with an influence and importance which they were far from possessing in reality. A Radical Government, backed by a strong Parliamentary majority, had just succeeded to power in England. The British political atmosphere was heavily charged with democratic ideals. Of these, some, such as