- 10. A Coalition Ministry is one whose members are drawn from more than one of the parties in Parliament.
- II. When a new Parliament is wanted the Sovereign issues "writs" to each constituency calling upon the electors to choose a representative at a certain date fixed for the election.
- 12. A Constituency or Electoral Division is a part of the country which sends one or more representatives to Parliament.
- 13. The Electors are those who are qualified to vote for a representative. This qualification to vote is called the Franchise. Manhood Franchise gives a vote to all men over the age of twenty-one years. The vote is now taken by Ballot. The elector is thus free to vote for whom he pleases.
- 14. The Candidates are those who are endeavoring to secure the position of member of Parliament; the one who receives the majority, or the highest number of votes, is declared elected. The candidate who has no one to oppose him is returned by acclamation.
- 15. A General Election is one in which every constituency must choose a representative.
- 16. A By-Election is one in which a single constituency chooses a representative. It is held between general elections, when on account of death, resignation, or unseating of a member of Parliament, the constituency is left without a representative.
- 17. To convene or summon Parliament is to call the members together to discuss the affairs of the nation.
- 18. A Session is that part of the year during which Parliament deliberates over the affairs of the nation and frames its laws.