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INTRODUCTION.

The record contained in the following pages is almost wholly confined to events which occurred, and facts which were disclosed, during the Parliamentary term of 1904 to 1908. The Parliamentary review deals mostly with the three Sessions of 1906, 1906-7, and 1907-8. If these records and reviews had been carried back to 1896, they would have multiplied the proofs that the Liberal Administration has been already too long in power. The examples furnished and the evidence presented in this book are, however, sufficient to reveal the character of the Government as it has been constituted during the last four years, and to show how the Members of the Parliament elected in 1904 have treated matters of grave concern which have come before them. It is hoped that the facts here presented may be of assistance to the electors in deciding whether it is time for a change of Government. The reader will notice the references to the original authorities, which will enable him to continue the research through the records of Parliament, the Departmental reports, and the evidence given before Committees of the House and Royal Commissions.