

Liverpool, with 320,000, sent two; Honiton, with 3,150, sent two. There were nearly six million men in the kingdom, and but one million had a vote. As Mr. Bright himself said: "An Englishman, if he goes to the Cape, to Australia, or to the Canadian Confederation, can give his free and independent vote; but only in his own country, on his own soil where he was born, on the soil he has enriched with his labor and the sweat of his brow, is he denied the right, which in every other community of Englishmen in the world, would be freely accorded to him." The navigation laws were then in force, and the East India Company in existence; the Jews were debarred from their rights, and in Ireland five out of every six paid for the support of a church whose doors they never entered and whose ministrations they never enjoyed.

It is claimed by many that, as a speaker, Bright is the only one at present worthy to have a place beside those old orators—Pitt, Burke, Plunkett, Fox and Sheridan. The present Premier, Disraeli, is more witty, probably a better debater; Mr. Gladstone can certainly compose a more elaborate speech, but neither are equal to him in some of the elements necessary to a great orator.

When Mr. Bright took office in 1868, it was wondered how he could take the customary oath or kneel during the ceremony. His religious scruples would prevent him, and some, consequently, feared a difficulty. But our noble Queen soon solved it. She said that the day had long gone past when Royalty, nobility or Parliament could bind men's consciences, and that she would not revive it. He, therefore, merely made an affirmation, and that without kneeling.

Are we not safe in judging from his conduct in the past, that Bright will, in the future, remain true to his principles? He has, during thirty years, never placed party or self before his country, never placed power or profit before principle, never shirked expressing his views when they were unpopular, and has always stood on the side of liberty and equality. Can we doubt when the acts and lives of the men of our day shall have become history for the future, high among the names of those men,

whose memory England will delight to honor for their noble adherence to principle and equity, will be found that of John Bright?

— I. CAMPBELL in *Tyro* of 1874.

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