CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION

PAGE VII

1

15

CHAPTER I

THE LABOUCHERE FAMILY

The Huguenots of Orthez-Youth of Pierre-César-Exile-The Dutch counting-house-A double ruff and a bid for a bride-Napoleon and perce-Fouché-The French agent-Ouvrard-The wrath of Cæsar-The French loan-Residence in England-Lord Taunton --Mr. John Labouchere

CHAPTER II

CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

(1831-1853)

Birth of Henry Labouchere—Early education—His first mot—Eton days—The young pugilist—The toper—Views on fagging— Trinity College, Cambridge—Insubordination—Suspension—His defence—Hc lives at a London tavern—Severe judgment of himself—Travels with a bear-leader—Wiesbaden—Voyage to Mexico—Gambling and good resolutions—Letter to his tutor

CHAPTER III

TRAVELS AND DIPLOMACY

(1853-1864)

Travels in Mexico-In love-The Chippeway Iudians-In New York-His American sympathies-His views on American education-On American diplomats-On American girls-Becomes attaché at Washington-Mr. Crampton-Gambling again-The Irish patriot -Views on diplomatic negotiations-At Munich-Stockholm-