

of the Free Trade movement in England appealed direct to the elemental motive of the visible self-interest of the majority, and in this they were more fortunate than their foreign co-workers. It must be admitted the arguments it was then necessary to put before our countrymen were simpler in character, and of more direct and visible force, than those which it is necessary to use in other countries. And, as it was not the cold light of abstract economic truth which guided our fathers into the path of Free Trade, so it has not been by any conscious intellectual process that their sons have been kept from wandering from it. It has been the constantly recurring demonstration of the years as they have rolled by that Free Trade has "paid" in the past, that it "pays" here and now in the circumstances of the moment, and that it furnishes the best equipment for facing the future. The average Englishman accepts the reproach of the world that he is illogical, not only without resentment, but even with some degree of self-satisfaction. He says, if he is not logical it is because he is "practical." He is not governed by dogma, he loves compromise, and his steadfast