

public. The subjects are not necessarily treated of in a degree of length that is at all relative to their respective importance. Here the rule adopted has been to treat them in such detail as seemed consistent with a due presentation of both aspects of the case.

I must express my obligation to Mr. Sydney Buxton, whose excellent *Handbook to Political Questions* has been of great service to me, for those subjects with which he deals. These, however, are comparatively few; and I am mainly indebted, for much help and advice, to a number of ladies and gentlemen who are recognized authorities in their own several fields of controversy. I have sought, and nearly always obtained, help from all sides, and must here content myself with merely expressing my gratitude generally; individual recognition would be too lengthy, and indeed, would in some cases—those, moreover, in which I am most deeply indebted—be against the expressed wishes of the contributors.

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The present edition is in many respects a new work. The Pros and Cons have been put in parallel columns throughout, and the Pros and Cons of the same number deal with the same aspect of the question under consideration. They do not always answer each other, but they are intended to give the retort (sometimes an argument, sometimes the lie direct, sometimes a mere *petitio principii*) which is offered by the one side to that particular contention of the other. This re-arrangement, which it is hoped will add considerably to the serviceableness of the book, has in itself been a work of no little labour. It should be added that where there is a * attached to the number of a Pro (e.g. 25*) or a † attached to the number of a Con (e.g. 25†), it means that such Pro or Con does not in any way correspond to the Pro or Con of the same number, and is not specifically answered.

Every article in the book has been carefully revised: in some