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The Students' History of the English Parliament in its transformations through a thousand years. Popular account of the growth and development of the English Constitution, from 800 to 1887. By Dr. Rudolph Gneist. Third English edition, by Prof. A. H. Keane. London: H. Grevel & Co., 1889. 12mo, pp. xxix+462.

This is the best translation of a work (*Das englische Parlament*, Berlin, 1886) showing all the thoroughness of German scholarship, even in a students' manual. From p. 346 to p. 376 there are some original suggestive reflections on the relation of the government of the realm to parliament, the relation of the cabinet to parliament, the construction of parliamentary parties, the evils of party government, and the realization in England of the conception of political liberty "implying the capacity of the people to legislate for itself, and to enforce of itself its own laws through its own free self-government."

Le Gouvernement et le Parlement Britanniques: I.—Le Gouvernement; II.—Constitution du parlement. La Procédure parlementaire. Par le Cte. de Franqueville, ancien maître des Requêtes au Conseil d'Etat. Paris: J. Rothschild, 1887. Trois vols., 8vo, xi+594, viii+567, viii+575.

This is the most exhaustive work written by a French political student on the administrative and the parliamentary system of England. The first volume contains an elaborate and clear review of the relations between crown and parliament, of the position of the cabinet, and of the nature of ministerial responsibility.

The Government of England; its structure and its development. By the honourable W. E. Hearn, Q.C., M.L.C., Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. Second Edition. London: Longmans, Greene & Co., 1887. 8vo, pp. xvi+636.

This work is not only valuable for its thoughtful review of the evolution and operation of parliamentary government in England, but for the assistance it gives to students of the relations between the parent state and the colonies since the growth of responsible government. On this question, see Appendix II, "Lecture on the Colonies and the mother Country."

On Parliamentary Government in England; its origin, development, and practical operation. By Alpheus Todd, LL.D., C.M.G., Librarian of the Parliament of Canada. Second edition by his son. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1887. Two volumes, 8vo, pp. xxx+844, xxvi+964.

The author of this elaborate treatise, during the evolution of responsible government in Canada, after the union of 1841, devoted himself to researches into the practical operation of the system in England, with the view of assisting colonial statesmen, and the result of his labors for over a quarter of a century is here presented. It is the most valuable contribution yet made to this branch of political science. The conventions and understandings that direct the workings of responsible or parliamentary government are here set forth with fullness and clearness.

The Law and Custom of the Constitution. By Sir W. R. Anson, Bart., D.C.L., of the Inner Temple, Warden of All Souls College. Oxford, at the Clarendon Press, 1886-1892. 2 vols., 8vo, pp. xx+336; viii+494.

This work is most useful to all students of the Canadian parliamentary system, closely modeled, as it is, on the parliamentary institutions of England.

How we are governed; a handbook of the Constitution, Government, laws, and power of the British Empire. By Albany de Fonblanque. Sixteenth edition. London and New York: Warne & Co., 1889. 12mo, pp. xii+208.

A useful treatise for busy people who have no time to give much study to con-