

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free
Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

THE WISDOM OF THE WISE

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free
Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

THE WISDOM OF THE WISE

THREE LECTURES ON FREE TRADE
IMPERIALISM

BY

W. CUNNINGHAM, D.D., F.B.A.

FELLOW AND DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC STUDIES IN TRINITY
COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE; FORMERLY TOOKE PROFESSOR
OF ECONOMICS IN KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON,
AND LECTURER ON ECONOMIC HISTORY
IN HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

CAMBRIDGE:
AT THE UNIVERSITY PRESS
1906

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

University Printing House, Cambridge CB2 8BS, United Kingdom

Cambridge University Press is part of the University of Cambridge.

It furthers the University's mission by disseminating knowledge in the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence.

www.cambridge.org

Information on this title: www.cambridge.org/9781107433137

© Cambridge University Press 1906

This publication is in copyright. Subject to statutory exception and to the provisions of relevant collective licensing agreements, no reproduction of any part may take place without the written permission of Cambridge University Press.

First published 1906

First paperback edition 2014

A catalogue record for this publication is available from the British Library

ISBN 978-1-107-43313-7 Paperback

Cambridge University Press has no responsibility for the persistence or accuracy of URLs for external or third-party internet websites referred to in this publication, and does not guarantee that any content on such websites is, or will remain, accurate or appropriate.

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free
Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

IN MEMORY

OF

PROF. SIR J. R. SEELEY.

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free
Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

PREFATORY NOTE.

TO try to take opponents at their best seems to be a sound maxim of controversy. These lectures, which were delivered in Cambridge last term and repeated in Edinburgh and Glasgow during the Easter vacation, have been called forth by the utterances of recognised leaders among Free Trade Imperialists. To Tariff Reformers the wisdom of these wise men is not altogether convincing, though we go further with them than they seem to suppose. With Mr Strachey, indeed, we have little in common; but, in discussing our attitude to Economic Science, Mr Haldane has been curiously successful in blessing where he meant to ban; and Lord Rosebery, while speaking on the case of the Unemployed, has thrown out a suggestion which we are eager to put into effect.

I have added two appendices on cognate matters to which I could only refer in the lectures, and with which I had already dealt more fully. I desire to make my grateful acknowledgment for the valuable suggestions I have received while preparing these lectures from Dr L. Knowles of the London School of Economics; and also to Messrs Macmillan for their kindness in allowing me to reprint an article which originally appeared in their *Magazine*.

W. C.

TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

13 April, 1906.

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-43313-7 - The Wisdom of the Wise: Three Lectures on Free
Trade Imperialism

W. Cunningham

Frontmatter

[More information](#)

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
I. THE RIGHT HON. R. B. HALDANE AND ECONOMIC SCIENCE	1
II. MR ST LOE STRACHEY AND IMPERIAL SENTI- MENT	33
III. LORD ROSEBERY AND THE UNEMPLOYED	63

APPENDIX.

RELIGION AND POLITICAL LIFE	91
THE IMPERIALISM OF CROMWELL	106