

Cambridge University Press

978-1-108-00925-6 - Life and Times of the Right Honourable William Henry Smith, M.P., Volume 2

Herbert Eustace Maxwell

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

CONTENTS OF THE SECOND VOLUME.

CHAPTER I.

1878-1880.

War with Afghanistan—Motion of censure on Ministers—Depression of trade—The Zulu war—Meeting of Parliament—Fifth motion of censure within twelve months—Mr Butt resigns lead of Home Rule party—Is succeeded by Mr Parnell—Irish tactics in Parliament—Speech by Smith at Bury St Edmunds—He receives degree of D.C.L. at Oxford—The new Eddystone Lighthouse—Renewal of war with Afghanistan—Lord Hartington on Home Rule—Dispute with Turkey—Agrarian agitation in Ireland—By-elections at Liverpool and Southwark—Meeting of Parliament—Debate on Irish distress—Dissolution of Parliament—Lord Beaconsfield's manifesto—Lord Derby joins the Liberals—Smith is re-elected for Westminster, . . . 1

CHAPTER II.

1880-1881.

Position of parties—Causes of Conservative defeat—Lord Beaconsfield's forecast—Mr Gladstone forms a Cabinet—Mr Bradlaugh and the Parliamentary oath—Irish measures—The Fourth Party—Close of the session—Agitation in Ireland—Rise of boycotting—Chairmanship of London and North-Western Railway offered to and declined by Smith

Cambridge University Press

978-1-108-00925-6 - Life and Times of the Right Honourable William Henry Smith, M.P., Volume 2

Herbert Eustace Maxwell

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

vi

CONTENTS.

—Meeting of Parliament—Peace Preservation (Ireland) Bill—Rules of Procedure—Expulsion of Irish members—Death of Lord Beaconsfield—Reappearance of Mr Bradlaugh—His expulsion—Arrest of Irish members, and suppression of the Land League—Northcote on tariff reform, 26

CHAPTER III.

1882–1884.

Irish legislation—The Rules of Procedure—Election for Westminster—Reappearance of Mr Bradlaugh—Smith visits Ireland and inquires into the Land Question—Resignation of Earl Cowper and Mr Forster—Assassination of Lord F. Cavendish and Mr Bourke—Arrears of Rent Bill—Watchfulness of the police—The Fourth Party—Illness of Mr Gladstone—Mr Forster attacks the Land League—Agricultural Holdings Bill—Smith's speeches in the country—Meeting of Parliament—Mr Bradlaugh once more—Household Franchise Bill—Autumn session—Smith and the national defences, 55

CHAPTER IV.

1880–1885.

Purchase of the Pandora—Notes of cruises—The Mediterranean—Visit to the Sultan—Stormy passage to Alexandria—Reported loss of the Pandora—The Italian and Sicilian coasts—Greece—Norway—Denmark—Holland—Copenhagen and Cronstadt—Captain Blow, 92

CHAPTER V.

1871–1891.

Greenlands—Besieged in the civil war—Bought by Mr Smith in 1871—Effect of his residence on the neighbourhood—His method in charity—The church of St Mary's, Portsea—Mistrust of the Salvation Army—Sanitary improvement of Hambleden—Mr Smith builds a hospital near Henley—Home life at Greenlands—The garden—Refusal to appear as a "celebrity at home"—The library—The pictures—Purchase of estates in Suffolk and Devonshire, 114

Cambridge University Press

978-1-108-00925-6 - Life and Times of the Right Honourable William Henry Smith, M.P., Volume 2

Herbert Eustace Maxwell

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

CONTENTS.

vii

CHAPTER VI.

1885.

Dilemma of the Government—Fall of Khartoum—Northcote's motion of censure—First application of closure—The "Rapier and Rosette" section of Conservatives—Hostile attitude of Russia—Vote of credit for £11,000,000—Mr Childers's last budget—Defeat and resignation of Ministers—Lord Salisbury forms a Cabinet—Mr Smith becomes Secretary of State for War—The "Cabinet of Caretakers"—The general election—Attitude of the Irish party—Mr Gladstone accepts Home Rule, 139

CHAPTER VII.

1886–1887.

Anomalous position of the Government—Resignation of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and his Chief Secretary—Smith is appointed Chief Secretary—Defeat and resignation of the Government—Mr Gladstone's third Administration—Riots in the West End—Mr Gladstone's Home Rule Bill—His defeat—Dissolution of Parliament—Unionist victory at the polls—Lord Salisbury's second Administration—Autumn session—Resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill—The "Round-Table" Conference—Smith becomes First Lord of the Treasury and Leader of the House of Commons—Sudden death of Lord Iddesleigh, 161

CHAPTER VIII.

1887.

Leadership of the House of Commons—The Round-Table Conference—Rules of Procedure—Resignation of Sir M. H. Beach—Mr Balfour becomes Irish Secretary—Obstruction in Parliament—Extracts from private correspondence—"Old Morality"—The Crimes Bill in the Commons—Close of session—Smith's success as Leader—Letter from Lord Randolph Churchill—The 'Times' and "Parnellism and Crime"—Smith's method in administering patronage—Civil List pensions—His room at the House of Commons—Dinner "behind the Chair"—Daily routine, 187

Cambridge University Press

978-1-108-00925-6 - Life and Times of the Right Honourable William Henry Smith, M.P., Volume 2

Herbert Eustace Maxwell

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

viii

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER IX.

1888.

Happiness in family affairs—The Queen and the Pope—Meeting of Parliament—Rules of Procedure again—The Local Government Bill—Extracts from correspondence—Death of Admiral Codrington—Letter from Lord Stanley of Preston—“Parnellism and Crime”—Charges and Allegations Bill—Lord Randolph Churchill’s remonstrance—Smith visits Gloucester, Salford, Manchester, and Edinburgh—The autumn session—Irish Land Purchase Bill—Prolonged proceedings—Prorogation on Christmas Eve—Smith goes to the South of Europe, 216

CHAPTER X.

1889.

Smith offers to resign leadership—Letter to Mr Giffen on depreciation of gold—Modification of parties into groups—Debate on the Address—Difficulties of the Government—Address of confidence presented to Smith by Ministerialists—Is entertained at a banquet in the city—And at another given by his constituents—Is presented with the freedom of Kirkwall—His son comes of age—Consecration of St Mary’s, Portsea—Smith addresses meetings in Glasgow, Exeter, and Plymouth, 238

CHAPTER XI.

1890.

Gloomy prospects of the Government—Alleged resignation of Smith—Meeting of Parliament—Debate on the Parnell Commission—Report of the Commissioners—Debate thereupon in the House of Commons—Illness of Smith—He offers to resign—Mr Goschen’s Budget—The licensing clauses—Agitation against them—Narrow escape of the Government—Withdrawal of the licensing clauses—Extract from Sir R. Temple’s journal—Sir W. Harcourt and Mr Balfour—Smith goes to La Bourboule—Financial crisis in the City—Smith’s action thereon—the Parnell divorce case—Revelations by Mr Parnell—Rupture of the Irish party—the autumn session, 264

Cambridge University Press

978-1-108-00925-6 - Life and Times of the Right Honourable William Henry Smith, M.P., Volume 2

Herbert Eustace Maxwell

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

CONTENTS.

ix

CHAPTER XII.

1891.

Letter to the Duke of Rutland—State of parties in Parliament—The Religious Disabilities Removal Bill—Rejection thereof moved by Smith—The last of the Bradlaugh difficulty—Vote of censure on Irish administration—Smith's opinion on Sunday opening of museums—His last letter to the Duke of Rutland—Is appointed Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports—Spends Whitsuntide at Cadenabbia—Increasing illness—His last words in Parliament—Appears for the last time in public at Hatfield—Goes with his family to Walmer Castle,	295
---	-----

CHAPTER XIII.

1891.

Mr Smith's last illness—His death on October 6—Message and letter from the Queen—Letter from Mr Gladstone—The funeral—Memorial service in Westminster Abbey—The Queen bestows a peerage on Mrs Smith—Hon. W. F. Smith elected for the Strand—Smith's gift of the relics at Walmer to the nation—Review of Smith's character and life—His unselfishness and honesty—His religious feeling and common-sense—Smith as a party man—Conclusion,	319
--	-----

APPENDIX.

Memorandum by the Right Hon. Montiford Longfield on the Irish Land Question,	347
--	-----

—

INDEX,	355
------------------	-----