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Notes on

The Mirrors of Downing Street¹

By a "Gentleman with a Duster"

New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1921

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Right and wrong are in the nature of things. They are not words and phrases. They are in the nature of things, and if you transgress the laws laid down, imposed by the nature of things, depend upon it, you will pay the penalty. (John Morley, quoted on the Title Page.)²

Lloyd George,

His responsibility to God and to man is enormous beyond reckoning. Only the future can decide his place here and hereafter. It is a moral universe, and sooner or later the judgements of God manifest themselves to the eyes of men. (Page 16.)

Before the war he did much to quicken the social conscience throughout the world; at the outbreak of war he was the very voice of moral indignation; and during the war he was the spirit of victory: for all this, great is our debt to him. But he took upon his shoulders a responsibility which was nothing less than the future of civilization, and here he trusted not

¹ The envelope with title, "Mirrors of Downing Street, Notes on" included both a simultaneous review of two books, Mirrors of Downing Street and The Glass of Fashion: The Mirrors of Washington, both by the pseudonym "Gentleman with a Duster," and a series of Earl Davis' hand-written notes on Mirrors of Downing Street. A separate envelope included Earl Davis' notes on The Glass of Fashion: The Mirrors of Washington.

² All of the text in this document appears to be transcribed by Earl Davis from the book, *Mirrors of Downing Street*.

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Lord Carnock was at the Foreign Office in July, 1914. He alone knew that Russia would fight. [He had by his wise advice during his ambassadorship to St. Petersburg (1905-10) prepared Russia.] ... But this time Russia was ready, and this time Lord Carnock knew Russia would fight. I am not sure that Lord Carnock was not the only statesman in Europe who possessed this knowledge—the knowledge on which everything hung. (Page 24.)

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