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To  
Sir Norman Chester  
Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford

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# Preface

This is a book about people at the top. It lists almost all those who held high political, judicial, military or administrative office in Britain between 1830 and 1900; and provides basic information about their institutions and the world in which they moved. We hope that it will provide the serious student with a useful work of reference, bringing within the covers of one volume details previously inaccessible or widely scattered. We hope too that the book will excite the curiosity of the general reader and lead him to investigate further some of the people mentioned in these pages.

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