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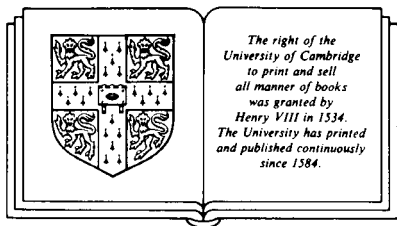
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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

This bibliographical handbook is the second edition, revised and extended, of *Modern England, 1901-1970*, published in 1976. Like the other handbooks in this series this book is designed as a ready book of reference and guide for the scholar, for the teacher, for the student, and for the general reader interested in exploring twentieth-century Britain in some depth. It is a bibliography of published material, including primary sources of knowledge (official records, memoirs, autobiographies, diaries, and letters) as well as secondary sources of information (monographs, biographies, and articles). It does not provide direction to unpublished material (in public archives or elsewhere) or on microfilm.

Scholars look forward to publication of the volume in the Oxford series, *Bibliography of Writings on British History, 1914-1985*, now being compiled by Professor K. G. Robbins of the University of Glasgow. He writes me that his bibliography is "in an advanced stage of preparation" but does not now venture to set a date of publication of a book that will render great service, especially to professional historians and to teachers. For less advanced students and general readers, *Modern England, 1901-1984* will continue to be useful as a handbook, at once available on desk or shelf.

The selection of books and articles here presented rests upon a comprehensive search of historical literature published before 1984, though a few important items published in 1984 are included. Of the major aspects of English life only literature per se is excluded. However, biographies of literary figures significant in the social and political life of the period are included.

To cope to a degree with the flood of historical literature that appeared after 1967 when the Public Records Statute opened the archives for the period between the two World Wars and more especially the torrent of publication since 1970, I have somewhat modified principles of selection used in the first edition. I have, to a great extent, avoided overlapping from the previous volume, chronologically, in this series – Josef L. Altholz, *Victorian England, 1837-1901*. Historians had very frequently carried their examination of the nineteenth century down to 1914, especially with relation to foreign relations and economics. For books published before 1968, Altholz should be consulted. More recent publications concerned with the early twentieth century will, of course, be listed in this present volume.

Each book in this series has had its special problems. In the present instance, one is constantly confronted with the difficulty of distinguishing the historical past from the contemporary present. As A. J. P. Taylor put it, history becomes "thicker" as we approach the present. There is more evidence and more comment on that evidence; but is not much of it current events, journalism, or just plain commentary? The closer we approach the present, the thicker or less distinct becomes the material at hand. An illuminating discussion of this problem will be found in C. L. Mowat's *Great Britain Since 1914* (93), Chapter I, "Since 1914: recent or contemporary?"

There has been one important change in arrangement. A new category, Labour

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History, has been introduced in response to the development of its identity and the startling growth of historical literature associated with it. However, an exact definition has yet to be ventured. Its use as a separate category raises a fundamental question and problem. To what extent should the treatment of political, social, and economic aspects of labour be included? For these are all categories of their own. I have chosen to limit the use of Labour History to when it applies to the “working class” as we generally conceive it: a factory worker, a miner, an engineer, a carpenter. I have thought it unwise to separate “labour” from the general area of politics and society. I hope that my use of this new category will be useful, not confusing.

Empire and Commonwealth receive considerable attention since their fortunes have directly affected British life in the twentieth century; but books and articles on the internal history of dominions and colonies have been excluded. Fairly wide coverage is accorded Ireland until formation of the Irish Free State in 1922. For Scotland, items of general interest, associating it with England, will be found. Legal history is under Constitutional and Administrative History. The history of education – an extensive field – is divided: At the elementary and secondary levels it will be found under Social History; higher education and adult education are under Intellectual History. In this last-named category will be found journalism, as well as intellectual discussions of political, economic, and social thought.

Annotations represent my own evaluations, though often influenced by the judgment of others. In particular I have sought to clarify the contents of books where titles are inadequate. Cross references will be found occasionally, in the hope that related material will be easily brought together.

I wish to thank the consultant editors, Professor G. R. Elton and Professor Peter Stansky for their interest, support, and counsel. This new edition as well as the old was largely prepared from the holdings of the following libraries: Amherst College, Smith College, University of Massachusetts, and Harvard University. To the members of their staffs I wish to express my thanks for the countless ways in which they facilitated my task. Finally and especially I wish to express my gratitude and admiration to Rhea Cabin for her extraordinary intelligence and competence in preparing my typescript in its final form.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AHR</i>	<i>American Historical Review</i>
<i>BH</i>	<i>Business History</i>
<i>BIHR</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
<i>BJES</i>	<i>British Journal of Educational Studies</i>
<i>BJS</i>	<i>British Journal of Sociology</i>
<i>EcHR</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>EJ</i>	<i>Economic Journal</i>
<i>GJ</i>	<i>Geographical Journal</i>
<i>Hist. J.</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
<i>IHS</i>	<i>Irish Historical Studies</i>
<i>IRSH</i>	<i>International Review of Social History</i>
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
<i>JCH</i>	<i>Journal of Contemporary History</i>
<i>JECh</i>	<i>Journal of Economic History</i>
<i>JHI</i>	<i>Journal of the History of Ideas</i>
<i>JMH</i>	<i>Journal of Modern History</i>
<i>JTH</i>	<i>Journal of Transport History</i>
<i>PA</i>	<i>Public Administration</i>
<i>PP</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>PS</i>	<i>Political Studies</i>
<i>SHR</i>	<i>Scottish Historical Review</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>YBESR</i>	<i>Yorkshire Bulletin of Economic and Social Research</i>

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1 In matters of editorial style I have generally followed the practice in the first edition, which previously had generally followed the practice in the preceding volume of this series: Josef L. Altholz, *Victorian England, 1837-1901* (1970).
- 2 When no place of publication is indicated for a book, the place of publication is London. When a book appeared in two or more places of publication, the location of the copy examined by the compiler is given.
- 3 If a work appeared under one title in the United Kingdom and under another title in the United States, both titles are normally given.
- 4 "Printed sources" for each category are generally listed under the names of the authors when they were responsible for original publication; otherwise they are listed under the name of the editor.