

BACON

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649176137

Bacon by R. W. Church & John Morley

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

R. W. CHURCH & JOHN MORLEY

BACON

English Men of Letters

EDITED BY JOHN MORLEY

BACON



BACON

BY

R. W. CHURCH,

DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S,
HONORARY FELLOW OF ORIEL COLLEGE

THE
CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

MACMILLAN AND CO., LIMITED
ST. MARTIN'S STREET, LONDON

1910

First printed 1834. Reprinted 1836, 1889, 1892, 1896, 1902, 1910
Library Edition (Globe 8vo) 1888

TO VINDI
AMPHOTELAD

B1197
C5
1910

PREFACE.

IN preparing this sketch it is needless to say how deeply I am indebted to Mr. Spedding and Mr. Ellis, the last editors of Bacon's writings, the very able and painstaking commentators, the one on Bacon's life, the other on his philosophy. It is impossible to overstate the affectionate care and high intelligence and honesty with which Mr. Spedding has brought together and arranged the materials for an estimate of Bacon's character. In the result, in spite of the force and ingenuity of much of his pleading, I find myself most reluctantly obliged to differ from him; it seems to me to be a case where the French saying, cited by Bacon, in one of his commonplace books, holds good—"Par trop se débattre, la vérité se perd."¹ But this does not diminish the debt of gratitude which all who are interested about Bacon must owe to Mr. Spedding. I wish also to acknowledge the assistance which I have received from Mr. Gardiner's *History of England* and Mr. Fowler's edition of the *Novum Organum*: and not least from M. de Rémusat's work on Bacon, which seems to me the most complete and the most just estimate

¹ *Promus*: edited by Mrs. H. Pott, p. 475.

both of Bacon's character and work, which has yet appeared ; though even in this clear and dispassionate survey we are reminded by some misconceptions, strange in M. de Rémusat, how what one nation takes for granted is incomprehensible to its neighbour, and what a gap there is still, even in matters of philosophy and literature, between the whole Continent and ourselves :—

“*Penitus toto divisos orbe Britannos.*”

CONTENTS.

	PAGE
CHAPTER I.	
EARLY LIFE	1
CHAPTER II.	
BACON AND ELIZABETH	28
CHAPTER III.	
BACON AND JAMES I.	58
CHAPTER IV.	
BACON SOLICITOR-GENERAL	81
CHAPTER V.	
BACON ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND CHANCELLOR	100
CHAPTER VI.	
BACON'S FALL	124

	PAGE
CHAPTER VII	
BACON'S LAST YEARS—1621-1626	156
CHAPTER VIII	
BACON'S PHILOSOPHY	177
CHAPTER IX	
BACON AS A WRITER	209
INDEX	229