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## INTRODUCTION

I. ONE of the striking features in the history of British politics during the nineteenth century is the change which came over the two great parties. On one side, in the latter part of the century, the Conservatives, the party of the existing order, passed a number of measures which made important alterations in the constitution, and initiated considerable social changes. On the other side, the Liberal party, who in the middle years of the century were dominated by the Manchester School and the doctrine of Laissez-faire, at the close of the century were found passing legislation entirely hostile to these principles—legislation by which the State assumed a much larger control of trade. Finally, the close of the century saw the Liberal party rent asunder on the great question of Ireland, and a deep division appearing on the war in South Africa. While again with the opening of the twentieth cen-