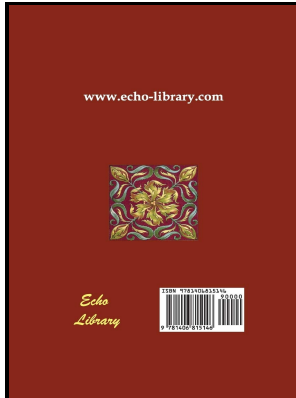


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He had advocated many laws and rights to allow for equality through out the society he lived in. The power of the aristocracy was hardly broken until the Reform Bill of 1867. Men were not wanting who shrank from his thoroughgoing rationalism and felt that anything but reason must be the test of truth.

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Rousseau is the disciple of Locke; and the real difference between them is no more than a removal of the limitations upon the power of government

which Locke had proposed.

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