



George Edmund Butler [John Cawte Beaglehole] 1929 oil 42 x 32.5cm Private Coll. (reproduced by permission).

Nothing. There was a lectureship at Auckland. 'If I come back I should like to come back to Wellington; at least it has some hills.' However he applied, and was turned down. '. . . there are some reasons why I should be very glad to go back to N.Z.; but it looks at present as if I shall have to go wherever I can get a job. If there is nothing doing at all I suppose I shall have to utilise my free passage home & trust to luck. That is about how things stand at present.' Things did not change. The dream of writing the life of Sir James Stephen and then (Laski's suggestion) a book on the idea of Empire