

## **Bob's your Uncle**

**by Francis Clark-Lowes**

Who was the Uncle called Bob?  
Why Lord Salisbury, our erstwhile PM;  
He gave Arthur Balfour the job  
Of ruling the Irish. Not partial to them,

Balfour cruelly enforced the 'Crimes Act'.  
'Bloody Balfour' became his nick-name,  
And he really should have been sacked,  
But the PM was unwilling to blame

His nephew, a man of such breeding.  
Besides Balfour firmly opposed  
Home rule, not an inch was he ceding;  
His support of the Unionists hard-nosed.

Well a good few years down the line,  
After his own stint at Number 10,  
Lloyd George was moved to assign  
Him Foreign Secretary. And that's when

The Zionists moved in and urged  
The special advantage for Britain  
Of letting Palestine be purged  
And returned to those who were chosen.

This bold scheme fired his imagination,  
The natives, he said, should go hang,  
So he issued a declaration  
Surrendering the land to this gang.

The Zionists, of course, rubbed their hands;  
'Homeland', they said, means 'state'.  
We'll make farmland out of the sands,  
And Rothschild said thanks to his mate.

Well as Balfour himself used to say  
'Nothing matters that much, and few  
Things matter at all.' Nonetheless such play  
We may eventually learn to rue.