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By His Son,

THE AUTHOR.

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## PREFACE.

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OF British birth and training, I began to reside in New England at an age sufficiently mature for the memories of the Old World to be enduring, while my mind was yet plastic enough to receive fair and unprejudiced impressions of the New. The following pages, therefore, so far as they apply to New England, are not the crude comments of a sojourner, or the hasty observations of a traveler. They are the fruit of thought and of experience, on the farm, in the office, in the court, in all the varied phases of life of which an employé in journalism is a witness, and often a part. The articles in reply to Mr. Mallock's work on *Property and Progress* appeared originally as editorial contributions in the columns of the Providence *Journal*.

I take the opportunity to thank the critics of the press, at home and abroad, who reviewed my former work on *Ancient and Mediæval Republics*, and I think it due to myself to add a brief explanation. The writer of the very courteous and intelligent criticism in the *New York Star* did me the honor to suggest that I had consulted Mr. Lecky's *History of European Morals*. I simply reply that I never read a line of Mr. Lecky's most interesting volumes until after my own book was in type. I make the same answer to the suggestion of the *World* in regard to Sir Henry Sumner Maine. This confession is perhaps not to my credit; but it is none the less true. Whether the ideas in *Ancient and Mediæval Republics* were valuable or poor, they were at least original; and I can say the same of this little book.

THE AUTHOR.

NORTH PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 15, A. D. 1885.



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