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PREFACE

IN the preparation of this little book, the writer has had two chief objects in view: Firstly, to stimulate and incite the thought and reflection of the reader along the lines herein set forth, in the hope that his mind may be quickened in the Truth, and that, in consequence, our great democracy may receive his much needed assistance in its toilsome efforts to arrive at a more adequate and fairer system of human government; and, secondly, to point out the evils which have always threatened and will continue to threaten the existence of all governments, especially every variety of democracy.

In emphasizing these national perils, the writer frankly ventures to express the hope that the tireless vigilance of all our people, without respect to religious or political affiliation, will safeguard the great and vital principles of our federal constitution and place them above all other, debatable considerations, to the end that our growing republic may, under the guidance of a merciful Providence, escape from the destructive pitfalls into which so many great states have previously been precipitated and lost.

In these pages no criticism is intended of the inner truth of the various systems of spiritual culture and development, which have characterized the different ages of the world, but allusion is made rather to the external corruptions which have always encumbered and will continue to encumber these systems, and which spring from the nature of man.

Man is a compound of Spirit and Matter, of Truth and Falsehood, of Good and Evil, and thus constitutes the battle field upon which the contending principles of his nature are in constant and mutual conflict. Every human institution, or every institution with which man has to do, must, in the nature of things, bear the impress more or less distinct of both principles of his being. Therefore, when mention is made of the baneful influences of untoward ecclesiasticism, reference is intended to the corruptions which have grown up about it and not to its sincere interpretations of divine truth or to its altruistic efforts to elevate mankind.

Further, the word ecclesiasticism is used in its broadest sense as applicable to every system of religious thought, past and present.

In hinting at some of the chief functions of all democratic governments, the writer is conscious of the fact that some of the ideas submitted may be considered by many as utopian and impracticable, but he consoles himself with the reflection that every logical conception of man will eventually find a practical expression in human life and yield its fruits in the days to come.

He also indulges the hope that necessary repetitions will not prove irksome to the reader. They have been introduced with a view to fixing certain facts in the memory.

This is the day of small books. The busy man has neither the time nor inclination to delve in long treatises outside of his chosen field of action, but demands that all subject-matters desiring his attention shall be brought quickly and easily within his grasp. Hence, it is devoutly hoped that the brevity of this volume will prove consoling to the patience of the general reader, for whom it has been especially prepared.

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GLOSSARY

- ERA *A Grand Division of the Earth's History with its Accompanying Rock and Life Systems.*
- PERIOD *A Division of an Era with the Accompanying Rock Series.*
- FORMATION *A Part of a Rock Series.*
- SEDIMENTATION *A Rock Stratum.*
- EROSION *The Wearing of Rock into Sediment.*
- REVOLUTION *A Great Physical Change in the Earth's Surface.*
- LIFE-SYSTEM *The Vegetable and Animal Life of an Era or Period, Characterized by its Dominant Types.*
- FAUNA *The System of Animal Life.*
- FLORA *The System of Vegetable Life.*
- CONFORMITY *The Regular Grading of One Formation into Another.*
- UNCONFORMITY *The Confused and Irregular Arrangement of Formations.*
- HORIZON *A Stratum or Group of Strata Characterized by the Presence of a Particular Fossil not Found in the Underlying or Overlying Beds, or a Particular Assemblage of Fossils.*
- CONNECTING-LINK *The Form Connecting the Life-System of one Era with the Dominant Type of the Life-System of the Succeeding Era.*
- FOSSIL *The Petrified Remains of Animal or Vegetable Life.*