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A FOREWORD

THE purpose of this book is to release ideas, rather than to frame an argument.

The ideas with which it deals have to do with freedom for the individual, self-government for the nation, and peace for the world.

These ideas are conceived and presented as in the lives of men and in the history of nations. Liberty—the right to will and to choose—is fundamental to moral quality in personal character. Democracy—the right of a free people to govern themselves—is the condition of national freedom. Internationalism—the organization of free nations into an international partnership, each with its place in the sun and all under just laws enforced by the common will—is the social consummation of liberty, democracy and fraternity in the world community of free nations.

These ideas I have presented many times and under different forms during recent years: sometimes in editorial articles in *The Globe*, sometimes in addresses from public platforms in Canada and the United States, but always in the interest of ideas rather than of argument. The practical end in view was influential in deter-

mining the literary form of the chapters in the book, as well as of the addresses which are here reproduced in almost the very words in which they were spoken. For this same reason, significant phrases, in which root ideas are expressed, are repeated, in order that the ideas may not miss fire.

If the ideas of Liberty, Democracy and Internationalism are made more vital and stimulating in the minds of those who read these pages, the purpose of their publication will have been abundantly fulfilled.

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