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"Equality if we can get it,
but liberty at any rate."

Benj. R. Tucker.

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TO

BENJAMIN R. TUCKER,

EDITOR OF "LIBERTY,"

WHOSE LUCID WRITINGS AND SCATHING CRITICISMS

HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO DISPEL

THE CLOUDS OF ECONOMIC SUPERSTITION.

THIS LITTLE BOOK

IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

BY HIS PUPIL.

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PREFACE.

"Can't you recommend some book which will give me a brief but lucid outline of your ideas?" is a question with which every propagandist is familiar. In spite of the extent and excellence of the literature of "Voluntaryism," I have often found it difficult to supply this demand. It was, therefore, with the idea of helping myself that I undertook to write this sketch. But I trust that my work will not prove useless to others.

It was my original intention to make the book so plain and simple, that almost any one could understand it. But the intricacies of the subject are very great. And, while I have always aimed at simplicity of expression, I fear that those at least who are not familiar with the terms used in economic discussions, will find it hard to follow me in places.

I have endeavored to give a complete outline of the subject in its most important bearings. If the reader would blame me for omitting some phases of the question, I must inform him that the main difficulty with which I have had to contend, has been to keep the work within small limits. I have done this in

the belief that a more lengthy document would not serve the purpose as well. The details have been admirably worked out by more able hands. I have merely gathered some fragments and blended them together, in the hope that some of those into whose hands they may fall, will investigate this much misunderstood subject more fully, instead of condemning it unheard.

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to thank the friends who have helped me with my work. More especially would I thank Mr. James H. Pershing, to whose assistance and criticism the first chapter owes whatever merit it may possess. His kindness in rendering this assistance is increased by the fact that he does not agree with many of the ideas expressed in the subsequent chapters. But it is to my wife that the book owes most of all. Without her patient encouragement it would probably never have been written, and had I been deprived of her gentle criticism, it would have manifested many more crudities than it now contains.

F. D. T.

Denver, Colo.

1st March, 1896.

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