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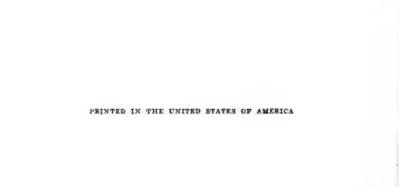
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Preface

THESE papers are selections from a series contributed weekly, without intermission, to the New Statesman since April, 1913. I do not feel that the responsibility for reprinting them rests on my shoulders; I trust that where it does rest it will rest lightly. I shall have done all I hope to do if I have produced the sort of book that one reads in, without tedium, for ten minutes before one goes to sleep.

The pseudonym "Solomon Eagle," I may explain, is not intended to posit any claim to unusual wisdom or abnormally keen sight. The original bearer of the name was a poor maniac who, during the Great Plague of London, used to run naked through the street, with a pan of coals of fire on his head, erying "Repent, repent."

This preface was written for, and printed in, the first series of these reprints. As it is accurate and I have nothing to add to it, I thought it would do again now. S. E.

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