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To My Wife

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TO WHOSE VISION, INSIGHT AND
KINDLY COUNSEL I OWE SO MUCH
THIS BOOK IS LOVINGLY DEDICATED

FOREWORD

BY HAROLD S. BUTTENHEIM, EDITOR OF *The American City*

This book attempts to sketch no impractical Utopia. It is inspired, rather, by the author's knowledge of, and participation in, municipal progress already accomplished in America, and by his faith in the dictum of Dr. Edward Alsworth Ross, that mankind has "only to do *everywhere* what is now being done with success *somewhere*," that the world may be re-made.

In a larger measure than we yet realize, the future of America and of the world will be determined by the vision and ability of our local community leaders. There are at least three reasons why this is so:

In the first place, in times of peace the governmental activities which most directly affect our prosperity and happiness are those of the community in which we live. What would life or property in any city be worth without the police and fire protection, the public schools, the street paving and lighting, the water-supply, sewerage system and other community activities?

Secondly, the city offers an experimental ground for civic progress which can be watched and controlled much more readily than the larger governmental units. A factor of prime importance in American progress