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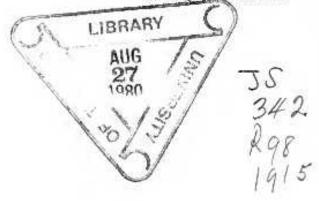
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WHOSE POLITICAL ACTS HAVE BEEN IMBUED WITH HIS OWN INTELLECTUAL HONESTY AND HIGH PERSONAL INTEGRITY



BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Although he writes this volume at the age of twenty-six, Oswald Ryan is already entitled to speak authoritatively on municipal problems. He was educated in the common schools of Anderson, Indiana, Butler College, Harvard College, and the Harvard Law School. While an undergraduate at Harvard he was awarded in 1910 the Baldwin Prize by the National Municipal League for his "Commission Plan of City Government," which was published by the American Political Science Review. In 1911 he became a joint contributor to "City Government by Commission" (New York, 1911) under the editorship of Clinton Rogers Woodruff. In the same year he was appointed assistant to Albert Bushnell Hart, head of the department of government at Harvard, and entered upon the work of teaching at Harvard and Radcliffe colleges. During the years 1911-13 he took an active part as a writer and speaker in the movement for charter reform in Massachusetts, and in 1911 he participated in the fight for the passage through the Massachusetts Legislature of a permissive commission government act which he had drafted. He left Cambridge in June, 1913, to take up the practice of law at Anderson, Indiana, and in the following fall waged a vigorous campaign