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TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE TO PART II.

THE additions to the *Harmonies Économiques* now submitted to the English reader were written during the last illness of the author. Prior to his departure for Italy, on what he foresaw might be his last journey, he had communicated to his friends, MM. de Fontenay and Paillottet, a list of the new chapters, in the order in which they will be found in the Notice of his Life and Writings prefixed to Part I.* To the same friends, in his last moments, he intrusted the manuscripts intended for the continuation of the work, leaving to them the task of selection and arrangement. The duty thus committed to them they discharged very judiciously, by arranging the new portions in the order pointed out, without altering the text, and, except in a very few instances, without additions of their own; contenting themselves with adding some explanatory notes, consisting chiefly of references to the author's other works.

Some of the chapters are unfortunately mere fragments, but most of the others indicate very clearly Bastiat's opinions on the subjects to which they relate; and several of them—especially the chapters on Public and Private Services, Responsibility, Solidarity, Social Motive Force, and portions of others, which treat of what he has elsewhere called Social Harmonies, or Political Economy in its relations with Social Philosophy—display a breadth, a vigour, and an originality worthy of the best days of their lamented author.

Many of the questions purely economical which are here discussed,—such, for instance, as those of Wages, Population, and the

* Notice, etc., p. xxxviii., note.

relations of Labour and Capital, etc.,—are at this moment deeply engaging public attention in England, as well as on the other side of the Channel; and on subjects of such vast practical importance it is surely desirable that the opinions of so profound and fearless a thinker as Bastiat should be as widely disseminated as possible.

Having now completed the English edition of the *Harmonies Économiques*, I may perhaps be permitted to refer to the great interest taken in the translation by the late Mr Cobden, who was the correspondent and personal friend of Bastiat, and was, I need not say, so eminently qualified to form and pronounce an opinion on the merits of his last great work. A short time after the appearance of Part I. (26th March 1860), writing from Paris, where he was then engaged in negotiating the Commercial Treaty, Mr Cobden says:—

“My enthusiasm for Bastiat, founded as much on a love of his personal qualities as on an admiration for his genius, dates back nearly twenty years; I need not, therefore, express any astonishment at the warmth with which you speak of his productions. They are doing their work silently but effectually. M. Guillaumin [the eminent publisher] tells me the sale of the last edition has been steady and continuous, and a new one is now in hand. The works of Bastiat, which are selling not only in France, but throughout Europe, are gradually teaching those who by their commanding talents are capable of becoming the teachers of others; for Bastiat speaks with the greatest force to the highest order of intellects. At the same time, he is almost the only Political Economist whose style is brilliant and fascinating, whilst his irresistible logic is relieved by sallies of wit and humour which make his *Sophismes* as amusing as a novel. No critic who has read Bastiat will dare to apply again to Political Economy the sarcastic epithet of the ‘dreary science.’ His fame is so well established, that I think it would be presumptuous to do anything to increase it by any other means than the silent but certain dissemination of his works by the force of their own great merits.”

A General Index has now been added, which will facilitate reference to both parts of the work.

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