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INTRODUCTION

THE general scope and plan of the book gives to the reader three general sections; the body politic is in the first section considered as an organism, a machine, and the method of reasoning followed is that called "analogy" or "correspondence," whereby parts and functions of the aggregate are considered in the same light as would be corresponding parts and functions of the individual organism. The second section takes up the forces which run the body politic, the machine, the organism. These forces are assumed to be subject to contemplation and study. They are assumed to be varied manifestations of one giant force, occasionally named as the Divine Human Force. If the book were a treatise on theology, this force would be called the "Spirit of God," or the "Holy Spirit." It is assumed to be the Giant Intellect of Deity, hovering above the structure which he has called into being, and which we call "human society," and more frequently, the "Race" or the "Race Man," somewhat in the same way as the human soul broods over the bodily structure wherein for its pilgrimage on earth it is temporarily encased. This Power of the Creator is assumed to be intelligent and to be following an intelligent and perfectly comprehensible plan, which begins in the cave man and ends in the present triumphs and the future victories of civilization, which will abolish war

and other forms of brutality as it has abolished slavery and establish and maintain the larger manhood. Nor will it rest until it has lifted man up to that pinnacle of purposive Providence, where he will touch the shadow of Deity, where his hand will be outstretched to "touch His garment's hem."

In the third section the reader is given a few practical hints, any or all of which he can follow in the attainment of practical citizenship and the larger life that follows from such attainment.

The chapters of this book have been published as separate articles in the Newark *Evening News*, and are now revised and given to the public in book form through the courtesy of that paper, and with the hope that a use might be thereby subserved and the cause of larger manhood advanced.

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