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“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”

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PREFACE

THIS book is intended to demonstrate, on clear, broad lines, the necessity for entirely remodeling the present system of medical service in the interests of the whole community.

It shows that hundreds of thousands of lives and millions of money can be saved every year if disease is attacked on scientific principles, instead of being dallied with as at present.

It proves that such a course is best both for the millionaire and the pauper, because there is but one set of disease agents in the whole world, which attack rich and poor alike, and are transmitted from the one to the other.

There is not one word of party politics in the book from cover to cover, and readers and reviewers are requested to attach no *labels* to it, but to judge it honestly on its own merits.

In the interests of our common humanity, and to aid in the evolution of a fitter and healthier race, it is addressed equally to conservative and liberal, to humanitarian and economist, to capitalist and labourist, to individualist and socialist.

All the great political parties in our State are

committed by public utterances of their leaders, and by the tide of public opinion, to social reform, and the hygienic aspect of social reform is the most dominant of all, commanding the whole situation.

Poverty and destitution simply cannot exist amongst a fit, virile, healthy nation. Banish acute and chronic infectious diseases, teach temperate and normal habits of eating, drinking, and living, making the reverse a crime, and poverty and suffering in corresponding measure must decrease.

The passion for drugging and doctoring the individual with specific cures and quack nostrums is one of the prepotent curses of our time; while the health and well-being of the species, and all things making for fitness of the race, are neglected.

We allow diseases to invade and enfeeble us, then ruin our systems with drugs in attempting to exorcise the demon of disease, and when we fail we turn to the claptrap of faith-healing or homœopathy, imbued with all the spirit of the superstition and idolatry of the Middle Ages.

Take up any daily paper or monthly magazine and look at the columns and pages of costly advertisements devoted to quack medicines and remedies of all kinds, reflect on the thousands of pounds spent by poor human gulls in supporting these frauds and the authors of them, and then ask yourself, is it not nearly time that we had some rational system of dealing

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with disease and protecting people from their own ignorance?

It is only a strong public feeling, demanding a rationally constituted public medical service armed with powers to fight disease, which can bring reform in these matters.

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