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PREFACE.

The title of this little work is open to a variety of interpretations, and may call down different criticisms on the author. The nature of each criticism will depend upon the ideas the reader possesses of what constitutes success. When one of the wealthiest men in the United States died, and page after page of the daily papers was devoted to the story of his life, it must have occurred to many that a man who, as the sum of all those columns, could not secure a favorable comment had not lived successfully. Yet he began poor and ended rich, and these few words, it is to be feared, describe a very usual idea of success. There is no doubt that if this book told of a sure road to wealth, by means however questionable, it would be in great demand. Those who look in it for this will naturally be disappointed.

Prefaces are the least read portions of a book and this preface will share the common lot. Yet in it will be given in one word the basis and corner-stone of success for each reader. It is himself. If the reader is of the right stuff, and cares sufficiently for success, he will succeed. If he is not of this material, no book and no study will produce the result.

It seems a hard thing to say that honor and honesty are not in themselves favorable to progress in the accumulation of a fortune. He who, as he feels the end approaching, looks back on the long struggle and feels that honor was his guide and that he has wronged no man, who, as he thinks of his temptations, can know that he

has mercifully been allowed to escape without stain, can but tremble as he recalls the risks he ran, and accept an honorable life as a rich measure of good fortune. What value will a competence won by wrong methods have, when but a few years, and those at the wrong end of life, are left for its enjoyment? Leave to those who come after you a legacy of memories and traditions of a well-spent life, and you will be successful.

All this sounds like moralizing and may, by him who reads this preface, be interpreted as revealing the nature of the book itself. This it does; for the author's idea of success is here disclosed. He believes that the man who works for a fortune by good and bad means alike is a dreary failure, whether he reaches his goal or not.

The book is left now to the reader.

" Perhaps it may turn out a song,
Perhaps turn out a sermon."

In either case, it will not be a very long one.

PREFACE TO THE TWELFTH EDITION.

A number of years having passed since the first appearance of this little book, the author has deemed it wise to revise and add new matter in an endeavor to bring the work up-to-date.

The many words of commendation which have been received, assure the author that the book has been a help and guide to many and lead him to a confidence in its continued usefulness.

April, 1903.

THE AUTHOR.

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