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"They fed not on the advancing hour."

GEORGE MEREDITH



To
THE YOUTH OF AMERICA



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INTRODUCTION

IN TIME OF REVOLUTION

WHAT momentous questions greet the earnest youth to-day! Was ever a time more complex; more heavy with consequence?

Not every mind and temper is fit to live through such turmoil. The closed mind, the angry temper, is a mere obstruction. To meet the opportunity are needed the brain wide open to the new, the heart fresh, without anger or fear. My title comes from a verse story by Meredith, in which two good people are destroyed because "they fed not on the advancing hours." Those who are worthy to live to-day, in a double revolution (shifting of class power and shifting of the nations) are those who enter into the time, heartily become part of it, helpfully give it welcome.

This book is an attempt to put forward in concrete form some of the most pressing of the issues. Only by an aroused public opinion in the great countries can the way out be found. We must be stirred from the fixity of our mental habits. The leaders of reaction are making a strong fight, not-