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PREFACE

The contents of this little volume consist in the main of studies which have already appeared in print. All of them have, however, been revised, and the greater part of the first two chapters is new. Though the studies have been written for special occasions during the past four years, they all represent one point of view, and the last nine chapters may be considered an application in the several fields of labor legislation, business organization, and charity, of the scientific methods advocated in Chapters I, II, and III. In order to bring out better this continuity of thought most of the essays have been subdivided, and new titles assigned to them.

Chapters I, II, and III contain the presidential address delivered in Washington in 1911 at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association. Chapters IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII contain presidential addresses delivered before the American Association for Labor Legislation in 1909, 1908, and 1910. Chapters IX and X contain an article originally published in the

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Yale Review for May, 1909, while Chapters XI and XII contain the address delivered in the spring of 1911 by the author as president of the Connecticut Conference of Charities and Correction. Acknowledgment is hereby made of the courtesy of the American Economic Association, of the American Association for Labor Legislation, of the *Yale Review*, and of the Connecticut Conference of Charities and Correction for permission to use the matter already published by them.

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