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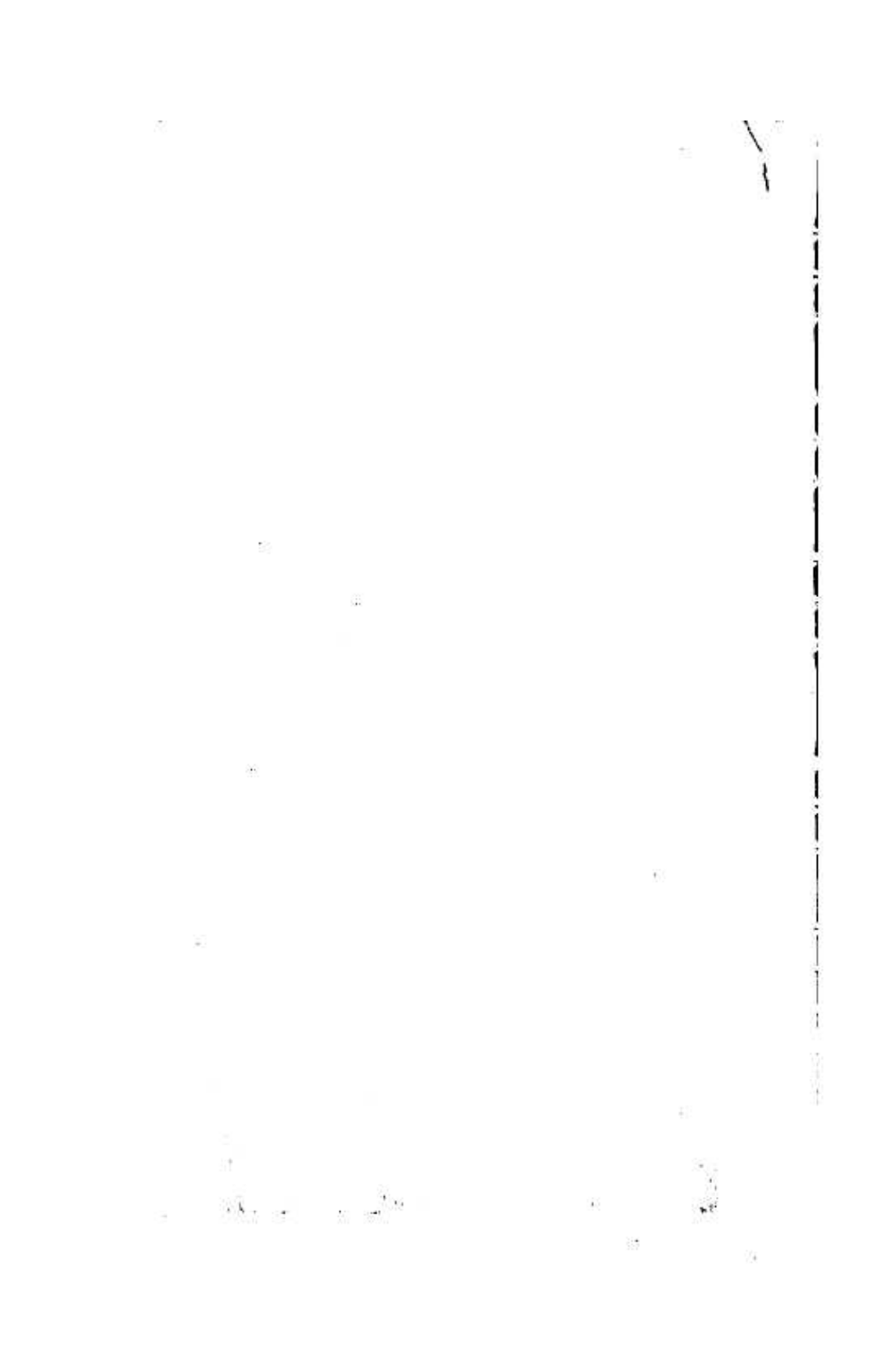
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## PREFACE

THE material contained in this Book was collected for a course of lectures delivered by the author last summer as Newmarch Lecturer in Statistics at University College, London. The manuscript has since been re-written, some of the reasoning re-cast, and the figures revised.

The authorities, to whom reference has been made, are severally mentioned in the footnotes; and it only remains here to express a special debt of gratitude to two writers, to whom every student of the subject must feel that he owes peculiar acknowledgment. The name of Dr. Soetbeer is a household word in modern monetary statistics; and his fame is placed beyond dispute. The present author's obligations to him may be discovered in many passages. To Jevons' *Investigations in Currency and Finance* he is equally indebted; and a closer study of that book has confirmed his conviction that it may rank with the famous Report of the Bullion Committee among the classic productions of monetary science. If the earlier Report, in which the hand of Ricardo can be clearly traced, supplied the answer to the vexed problem of its day, it is no less indisputable that the intelligent study of the questions suggested by later movements of prices is impossible apart from an acquaintance with the *Investigations* of Jevons.

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In dealing with matters which have been, and are, the subject of embittered controversy, the author can hardly hope that his conclusions will command the approval or assent of all his readers. To claim freedom from bias would be an assumption, which would disprove itself by its very utterance; but he can honestly declare that he has avoided, rather than sought, debatable assertions, and that such opinions of this nature as he may have expressed are the result of an attempt to study the facts, and of reflection on the various, and sometimes opposite, explanations put forward by different inquirers.

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#### PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

IN revising this book for a second edition, opportunity has been taken to correct minor errors of fact or expression, which have been detected. The only substantial alteration, which has been made, has been to put into the past tense some of the matter contained in the final chapter, which, at the time of the first edition, dealt with contemporaneous events. The movement of prices during the years, which have elapsed, has, in the writer's opinion, tended to confirm the conclusions, which he then reached.

*May, 1900.*

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