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PREFACE.

HUMAN destiny, whether contemplated as it relates to the individual or the race, is among the most exalted themes that can engage the intellect of man. Sublime in its mysteries, commanding in its interests, and gathering about its issues the grandeurs of futurity, it constitutes a subject eminently worthy of profound inquiry. The theme diminishes not in interest when circumscribed by the limits of a nation's history—but rather acquires intensity from the personal connection which the humblest member of a great commonwealth has with its humiliation or glory. Humanity nowhere offers more varied or interesting aspects than in our American Republic.

As a nation, we have sacred interests committed to our trust. The author of these pages has sought to indicate how these interests are threatened, and to show how they may be properly guarded. That the dangers to which our nation is exposed are not visionary, is manifest from acknowledged corruptions in our political system, and also from the efforts of foreign governments to fill our land with their paupers and criminals.

In a recent number of the "Edinburg Review," there is an article on "The Management and Disposal of British Criminals." The writer suggests as the best course of policy, that criminals be encouraged to emigrate to the United States,—that this should be a condition in their sentence,—that as soon as they had earned enough to defray their expenses, the chaplain of the prison should procure their passage and release them. The writer maintains that "criminals from Botany Bay would be more valuable and more welcome visitors than the shoals of

Irish who are annually turned out upon those (American) shores." "In all this," he continues, "there will be no violation of implied conventions, no illicit or indefensible government agency; nothing will be done for the freed citizen which is not, or ought not be done for the citizen who has always been free."

That such sentiments prevail very generally in the old world is evident from many recent arrivals of foreign criminals and paupers, some of whom have been sent back.

In this volume utterance is given to the views of a large number of American citizens on the subject of the naturalization of foreigners, while it also sets forth the necessity of such a modification of the naturalization laws as the exigencies of the times demand.

The author holds it as the dictate of philosophy and sound statesmanship, THAT THE SONS OF THE SOIL SHOULD RULE THE SOIL. While he does not spare corrupt political intriguers, he

yields the homage of his mind to those statesmen who, by a life of integrity, give evidence of true patriotism. The reader will find unveiled some of the sores which have been festering upon the body politic, while his hopes are pointed to the man destined to be our next President, the glory of whose administration will be to protect American interests, and to secure our nation against the blight of those corrupt elements which now mar this beautiful land.

THE AUTHOR.

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